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## PEACE PROSPECTS IN CHINA

### Denies Signing Of Armistice

Rhodes, February 21.  
United Nations officials to-day denied that Egypt and Israel had signed an armistice agreement.

At the same time, it was officially announced that the Transjordanian delegation was to arrive here aboard a United Nations plane on Thursday for negotiations with Israel starting Friday.

Word of the delegation's arrival plan was sent to the acting Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, by the United Nations' representative in Amman.—United Press.

### Help For British Shipping

London, February 20.  
The annual report of the Chamber of Shipping for 1948-49, published today, says that Marshall aid cargoes have made a considerable contribution to the maintenance of full employment for British and other shipping.

Unless the present high cost of shipbuilding is substantially reduced, the report says, it is not at all likely that owners will feel able to place orders except for ships of a special type for special trades.

The report says that the present small production of tramp steamers is disturbing. "Not only are vessels from two to three times as costly to build as in the years immediately preceding the war but take at least twice as long in construction," the Chamber of Shipping says.

The Chamber of Shipping welcomes the progressive removal of shipping controls and calls for a complete relaxation at the earliest opportunity of the existing rigidity of chartering controls and a restoration of the normal chartering practices of an entirely free market.

The report gave the total tonnage on the British register at the end of 1948 as 17,500,000 tons, about the same as a year earlier, and about 250,000 tons less than the 1939 commercially-owned tonnage.—Reuters.

## Chinese To Mark "Hoi Foo" Today

The Goddess of Mercy (Kwun Yam) will throw open the vaults of her Treasury Department today and the event, known in Chinese as "Hoi Foo" will be marked by large scale religious ceremonies in temples dedicated to the Goddess.

All Chinese of the Buddhist faith who are anxious to enjoy a greater share of wealth and prosperity during the year will therefore make it a point to visit a Goddess of Mercy Temple and worship before the image of Kwun Yam.

This event marks the first important Chinese festival of the New Year and is always celebrated on the 20th day of the First Moon.

Those whose prayers to the Goddess last year have been answered will show their gratitude today by attending a temple with roast pigs, cooked chickens, fruit, cakes and other customary offerings.

### Most Loved Goddess

Whilst other Chinese gods are more or less feared, the Goddess of Mercy is the most loved goddess in China. Court life held no attraction for her, as it was her ambition to cure humanity of its ills and infirmities.

Kwun Yam is said to have existed in a wish to enter a summer palace but her father, who was most anxious that she marry, not only refused her permission to enter a summer palace but expelled her from her home.

### LI'S POSITION STRONGER

Nanking, February 22.

The Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, is reported to have agreed to meet the Government peace delegate, Dr. Shao Li-tse, for talks which may bring peace to China by spring, according to reliable reports from Peiping today.

These reports were obtained from sources in contact with Peiping which said Dr. Shao and one other member of the Shanghai peace delegation, Dr. W. W. Yen, would fly today to the Communist headquarters at Shihchihchuan to confer with Mr. Mao.

The reports said the peace envoys will be accompanied by three top Communist leaders from Peiping. Those will include General Yeh Chien-ying, Communist Mayor of Peiping, and two of his aides, Tung Ti-wu and General Lin Piao.

Reference to spring was interpreted as meaning that there will be peace by spring.

### Leaves Canton

Mr. Tung Pi-wu, who is to accompany the delegation, is a member of the Communist Central Committee and was Deputy Chinese Communist negotiator at that encyclopaedia. When he left for Peiping some time ago, Dr. Shao announced he was accompanying the Shanghai peace delegation in his capacity as a private citizen to replace one of the two other members declared inadmissible by the Communists.

### To Advance View

There was no doubt, however, that he would use any opportunity in his meeting with Mr. Mao to advance the Government's view of acceptable peace proposals.

The Shanghai peace mission was entertained by three Communist leaders of dinner in Peiping at which Dr. Shao initiated he believed peace for China was possible.

In response to General Yeh's statement, that the Communist desire for peace was sincere, he said, "The seeds of peace cannot be destroyed even by wild fire opposition because they grow again when the spring winds come." Dr. Shao's

statement was interpreted as meaning that there will be peace by spring.

Most sources agreed that Li's most effective weapon was his ability to win away Dr. Sun's military supporters, namely Generals Ho Ying-chin and Li Han-hsun.

Reuters reports that Chinese peace hopes got another fillip today when the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chie-chung, said he would not press for the acceptance of his twice tendered resignation from the Nationalist Government peace delegation.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen, meanwhile, left Canton for Kwailin today with his political position immeasurably strengthened at the expense of his opponents.

Participants who attended the series of meetings and conferences with Li agreed that the his shrewd handling of the situation brought admiration and support from all sides, including many who heretofore had been hostile.

It is understood the Premier Dr. Sun Fo, and the Deputy Premier, Mr. Wu Te-chen, will leave for Nanking on Thursday, to salvage whatever he can from Acting President Li's devastating attack. Informants here said whether they remain in the Government or quit is no longer important, although it would give the Government the appearance of solidarity in the forthcoming peace talks.

Conferees who talked with the Acting President said he did not order nor did he plead, but laid his cards on the table frankly and let the facts speak for themselves. Never in any public statement had he failed to reinforce his belief that peace is possible, and he continually pointed out that reforms in the present Government must be instituted. Immediately.

General Chang was welcomed at the Nanking airfield by General Pai Chung-hai and General Ho Ying-chin, and the Nationalist naval commander, Admiral Kwei Yun-ching.

General Pai hinted that he had no intention of conferring with retired Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as had been rumoured.

General Ho has denied that he has been offered the premiership to succeed Dr. Sun Fo.—United Press and Reuters.

### Strong Support

These statements gave him strong popular and Governmental support; and helped to scatter the opposition forces, for the present at least.

At first the Acting President encountered heavy going, but his stubbornness and intention of remaining in Canton until the issue was settled one way or the other finally caused his opponents to weaken, these sources said.

The final decision whether the Premier resigns is thought to rest with the Legislative Yuan when the impending session convenes in Nanking this week.

### The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 pm HKST) pressure is highest to the N of Korea whence a ridge extends SW to Central China. A trough along the S China coast to a shallow depression over the Eastern Sea hence ENE and NE to a depression to the E of Kamchatka. Pressure gradients in the China Sea are slight.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E to SW winds, cloudy for patches; occasional drizzle overnight.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 14.6 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 8.2 deg. Fah.

Wind: 4.0 knots.

Clouds: 60%.

Visibility: 10 miles.

Temperature: 10.4 deg. Fah.

Humidity: 80%.

Dew Point: 6.8 deg. Fah.

Wind Direction: N.

Wind Force: 1.

Clouds: 60%.

Time: 11 PM.

Haze: 10%.

Low: 8.8 deg. Fah.

High: 12.8 deg. Fah.

Wind: 4.0 knots.

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## Challenges Send Him To Mental Home

### Seven-Year Sentence For Robber

Sentence of seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane was meted out to Li Fat by Mr. Justice William Puisne (Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. He had pleaded guilty to robbery by two or more.

The jury of four men and three women found Lau Fong at the same trial not guilty of receiving stolen property. Lau was consequently discharged.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, conducted the prosecution, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Leslie.

Mr. Hooton stated that the case was very simple. On July 10, 1948, he said, there was a robbery at the Shing Lee Oil Drums Shop at 10 Bedford Road, about 9 p.m. The occupants of the house were made to go into the kitchen while the robbers took away a number of other things—a cotton quilt cover, a rattan basket, and a pair of trousers belonging to the lady of the house.

Crown Counsel went no to say that on November 4, the police visited the accused at Shamshui-poo, after which he took them along to a hut at Shek Kip Mei Village, where he pointed out a cubicle to the police. Inside the cubicle was found a rattan basket, a pair of trousers and a pawn ticket.

The pawn ticket, Mr. Hooton continued, was then taken to a pawn shop and it was found to belong to a certain cotton quilt cover which had been pawned on July 17, about five weeks after the robbery.

The case for the prosecution, said Mr. Hooton, was that there was a robbery, after which certain proceeds of it were found in the possession of the accused Lau Fong. Lau, he submitted, must have known these proceeds were stolen property, remembering in particular there was a pawn shop ticket for one of these items in his possession.

Corroborative evidence was then given by witnesses for the prosecution.

A challenge of the court's right to send him to the Mental Home for observation without his being examined by two doctors of his own choice, and without the prior consent of his father, was made by Peter Mathew Braund, aged 25, of Kowloon yesterday.

Braund, who was charged with failing to pay his taxi fare and with obstructing the police in the execution of their duty in the early hours of yesterday morning, was remanded for seven days for medical observation, when the case resumed in the afternoon.

In reply to defendant, witness said that what accused said was "I spent the evening in company with your boss." Later, defendant mentioned the fact that he was living in the same building as a certain police officer.

**Witness' Denial**

Replying to further questions witness denied having used abusive language to Braund in the charge room, or being annoyed with him, when he said that the police were carrying out their duties in an officious and overbearing manner.

Witness said that defendant was definitely not drunk and did not even smell of alcohol. He agreed with accused that an offer was made by defendant to undergo any medical test for drunkenness, that the police might require.

Taking the witness stand, defendant offered himself for cross-examination without giving any evidence-in-chief.

In reply to Sir Evans, accused said that he sat in the taxi for an hour and a half in order to get the full value for the \$10 which he paid to a "boy" in the eating house. He intended this money to be for the hire of the taxi but, he admitted, he could not say whether the "boy" paid it to the driver.

He further admitted that when he stopped the taxi at Diamond Hill he did not ask the driver for the change from the \$10. Neither did he ask for any change when he alighted at Kal Tak, although on both occasions he lifted the meter ring to indicate that he did not want the taxi any longer.

Defendant, said witness, then asked him to go on and, on arrival outside the RAE airfield, the cab stopped, and defendant entered the airfield. Witness waited for 20 minutes when defendant reappeared and, entering the cab, told Lo to drive on to Harbour View Hotel.

When near the civil airport, defendant again told witness to stop. Braund got out of the cab, stepped up the meter flag, re-entered the taxi and told witness to drive on back to Kal Tak. Lo refused to do so and told defendant to go with him to the Kowloon Taxicab Co.

Defendant agreed with Sir Wells' evidence that, when searched at the police station, he did not have any money on him. He, however, claimed that he had \$10.00 on him just before he went to the station and that he saw this amount in another prisoner's property parcel down in the cells of the magistracy. He could not explain how the money got into that parcel.

When defendant stated that he would like to call two employees of the Kowloon Taxicab Co. as his witnesses, the court adjourned.

#### Finds No Money

Arriving back at the garage, witness asked defendant for the fare of \$8.00. Braund searched his pockets but found no money. Some one in the garage reported to the Mong Kok Police Station and came back shortly afterwards with Sub-Inspector E. H. Wells.

St. Wells, testifying said that when he arrived at the garage he asked defendant to go with him to the police station as he (witness) could not speak Punjabi and so could not settle matters there.

Defendant refused and said he believed witness would be in an awkward position if he had to arrest a member of the RAF Reserve. Braund also mentioned, in passing, that he had spent the evening with a senior police officer.

As defendant was about to leave the garage he asked witness to explain to the drivers that he was not being arrested but was going to the police station on his own. Witness was unable to do this as he could not speak Punjabi.

Defendant then walked to the door of the garage but instead of leaving, as witness thought he was going to, laid several packets of cigarettes on the ground. Witness then asked defendant if he was going to the police station and Braund replied that he was going in his own time.

Witness therupon arrested defendant for obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty. Braund, added witness, has been taken by Detective Sub-Inspector D. H. Tyler, Officer-in-Charge of Shamshui-poo Police Station. Sub-Inspector F. Woodhead, from Sheung Shui succeeded Sir Tyler at Shamshui-poo.

Sub-Inspector T. Kavanaugh has been transferred from Central to Yau Ma Tei CID.

Detective Inspector D. L. Davies has been transferred from Kowloon City CID to Yau Ma Tei, and his place at Kowloon City has been taken by Detective Sub-Inspector D. H. Tyler, Officer-in-Charge of Shamshui-poo Police Station.

Witness therupon arrested defendant for obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty. Braund, added witness, when asked whether he was going to pay the taxi fare or not made two replies, one that he had paid \$10 in advance and two that he would not pay.



Forced to move from Wan Chai roof-tops, squatter colonies have been migrating to open spaces in other residential areas. A big encampment is now being developed near the junction of Bluepool Road and Sung Wo Road, and on the nearby hillside. During the past few days, new wooden shacks have been erected off Bluepool Road. More than 10 have been completed. A hut 24 feet long and 12 feet wide, containing three bedrooms, one kitchen and a sitting room, and housing three families, has been built for HK\$1,000. Bigger shacks cost almost HK\$1,000. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Personalities

Sir Leslie Gibson's talk to the Hong Kong Council of Women tomorrow afternoon has been postponed. The Chief Justice will address the Council on March 3 instead.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Roy Scott Anderson, merchant, of 18 Stanley Road, and Miss Anne Cartwright, of Repulse Bay Hotel, Hong Kong.

Mr. A. L. Potter will address the Toc H Club at 8.30 p.m. today. His subject will be "The Pitch Lake," Toc H Angels on Wednesday at Talbot House, No. 50, Macdonnel Road.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Crofton will leave tomorrow for Australia by the ss. Change, merchant. Mr. Crofton first arrived in Hong Kong in 1926. He is retiring from his position as Superintendent Engineer in the China Light and Power Company Limited. After a short stay in Australia to visit relatives, he will return to Australia where he plans to make his home.

Dr. F. L. Tseng, will address the Debating and Discussion Group of the European YMCA today at 8.45 p.m. His subject will be "Chinese Medicine." Mrs. A. D. Brasier-Craig will be in the chair.

The Right Reverend Bishop N. V. Halward, Miss E. D. E. Silva, Miss Agnes C. Birrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Price, Mrs. G. P. Menefee, Mr. and Mrs. E. Goodspeed, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Truxax, Mr. and Mrs. S. Nelson, Messrs. P. F. Le Feuvre, J. K. Cochran, and J. B. McCleary, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Entsch.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. L. Braathen, Mrs. V. Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Schultz, Mrs. Poppy Meager, H. J. Willis, M. B. Carter, Y. Locket, H. S. Beech, R. A. Lee, Fred Schmidt, C. H. Arnold, Y. H. Kwong, C. S. Grant, C. Holtzclaw, F. K. Peterson, G. H. Hodson and W. Gibson.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hett, Mr. W. G. Barrington, Messrs. D. S. Deng and G. Miller.

Messrs. J. S. Phelon, Lim Loo, Thomas Cuc, Joga Onq, Juan and Vincente Tan and Yang Wo-khong left for Manila yesterday by CPA.

Mr. and Mrs. Berg left for Sydney by CPA yesterday.

The Directors of Hong Kong Tramways Limited announced yesterday that at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders on March 22, a final dividend will be recommended of \$1.40 a share, less tax, for the year ended December 31, 1948.

About To Pass

Just as he was about to pass the other car, a motor cycle came out from behind that car, passed on its right hand side and collided with his own car.

Witness, at a speed which he (witness) estimated at between 25 and 30 miles an hour,

Foxley, in evidence, stated that he did not think the car ahead of him was about to make a turn into Kimberley Road, and as it was going very slowly, he decided to overtake. His view was obstructed by the car as it was travelling in the middle of the road, he said.

Mr. F. A. L. Vine appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the second defendant.

The first defendant has already pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned to Friday, March 10 at 3.15 p.m.

## European Fined For Dangerous Driving

"A driver is not entitled to proceed at all unless he can see where he is going. This is the clearest case of dangerous driving we have had for a long time," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court was Richard Alan Peter Foxley, second officer of the ss. Eastern Trader, who, on the summons of dangerous driving being proved against him, was fined \$75.

When he saw the approaching car, he decided to carry on his original intention of overtaking, he alleged, by breaking in front of him.

## Claim Arising From Estate

Hearing continued yesterday of the claim arising from an estate consisting of paddies held 250 years ago in the New Territories, heard before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice).

The plaintiff in the case, Mrs. Choy-hong, a widow, is represented by Mr. M. A. Bernachini.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, is representing the defendants Tang, Shing-mo, Tang Ping-chiu and Tang Kan-shu.

The plaintiffs and the defendants are residing at the Hoi Mei Village in the Ping Shan District, New Territories.

The claim is for a declaration that the plaintiff be entitled to a share of 100 poods of rice a year and an order that the defendants give her the share for 1946 and 1947. They also claim an injunction to restrain the defendants from disposing of the estate.

At yesterday's hearing, evidence was taken from several witnesses for the defendants, one of whom was Mr. P. L. Lam, solicitor, who explained the Chinese customs and laws regarding ancestral sacrificial funds, the custom of adoption, and so forth, after which hearing was adjourned.

## Dairy Farm Case Hearing

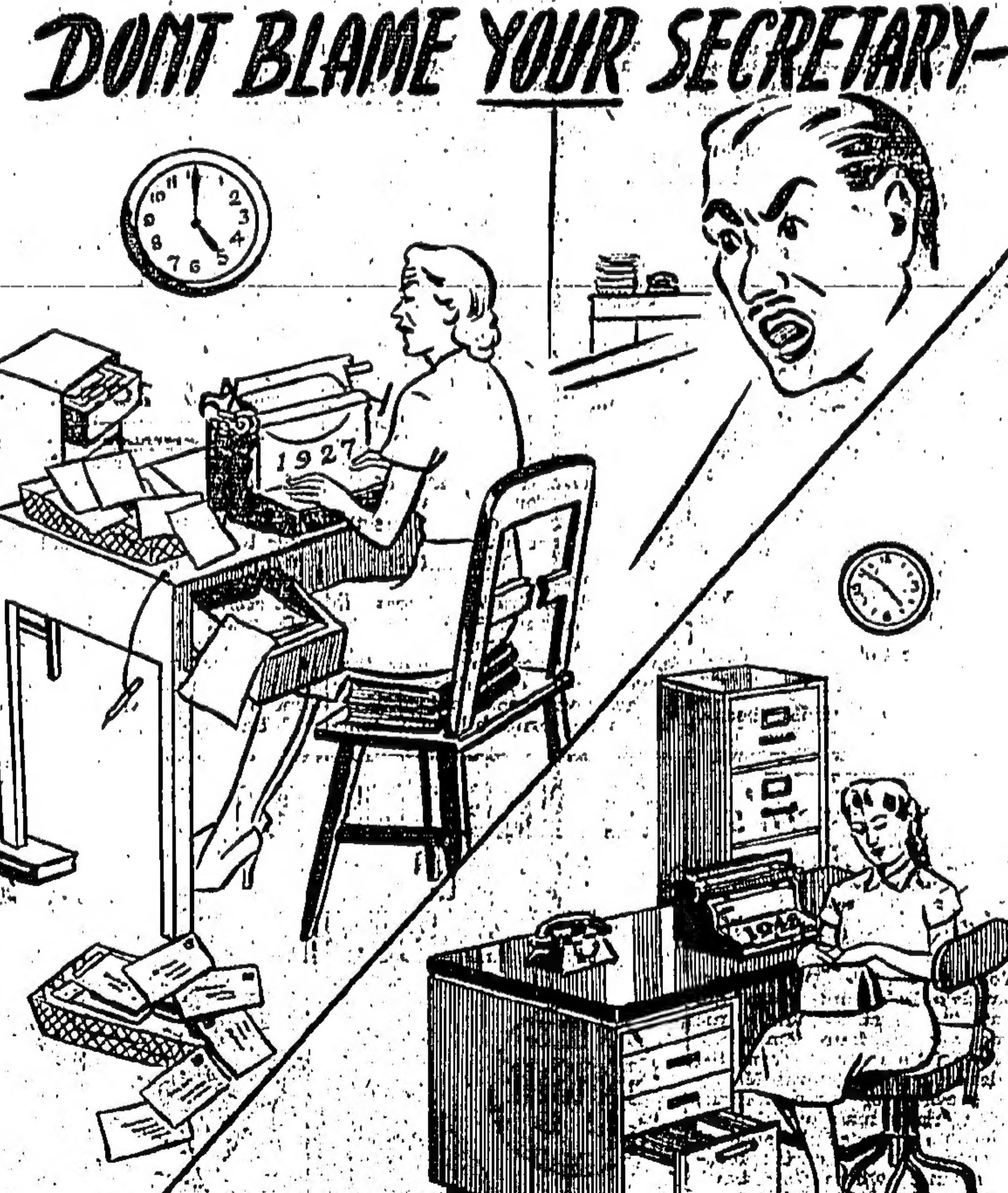
The "Dairy Farm Case" in which two cowboys, Yu Sang, aged 22, and Yu Ping, aged 31, are charged with larceny by servant was continued at Central yesterday before Mr. F. A. L. Almada.

It was alleged that on December 14, defendants stole 10 cattle of cattle feed from the Dairy Farm Company at Paklum. Second defendant was additionally charged with unlawful possession of 70 cattle of cattle feed at No. 10 Coole Quarters in Paklum. This charge will be tried separately.

Mr. F. A. L. Vine appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the second defendant.

The first defendant has already pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned to Friday, March 10 at 3.15 p.m.



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### The Palestine Problem

Sir.—It was Olmar the Palestinian who stated that:

"A hotel perhaps divides the Pious and True Yes; and a slight Alej were the clue—". Your correspondent writing on Palestine in the Saturday issue of your esteemed journal in reply to my letter considers it as anything but "fair-minded attitude to the situation in the Holy Land", which, of course, is a question of relativity. Nevertheless, the statement in my letter that "the Jewish community have so ably succeeded in maintaining law and order" which he ridicules, happens to be a direct statement made by Mr. Richard Crossman, the labour member of the House of Commons who, as an eye witness expressed this viewpoint in a letter

to the *New Statesman*.

I agree that murder and violence are indefensible, but desperation leads to the use of these as political weapons. In the history of nearly every nation similar parallels are to be found, as evidenced by the murder of Mahatma Gandhi in India, Sheikh al-Banna and Nokrashi Pasha in Egypt, to name three recent cases. The actions of a few irresponsible terrorists should not be attributed to a nation.

I challenge your correspondent to substantiate his allegation that tens of thousands of Palestinian Arabs have had their farms and villages taken from them by the invading colonists. Every square inch of land has been purchased and paid for in full and in the majority of cases many times the value of the land. Not an inch of land has been forcibly expropriated from the rightful owners. One has only to consult the findings of the Shaw Commission to note this fact.

My reference to the Jews defending their own country which your correspondent describes as a rather questionable phrase, and further that the Jews have the same claim to Palestine as the Italians had to Abyssinia or the Japanese in China makes me feel sorry for your correspondent's mentality. He forgets that all the great powers of 1938—Britain in particular—enforced the Mandate, the members of which reads:

"Whereas recognition has heretofore been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country etc. . . ."

The fundamental rights connected with the historical connection of a people with their homeland, according to International Law is dependent upon the following conditions:

(1) The nation which is recognised as having "historical connection" with a given territory must have been at one time in possession of that territory.

(2) It is essential that the people claiming the benefit of "historical connection" with a given territory should not have previously renounced it, either explicitly or tacitly.

(3) The people which claims the benefit of "historical connection" shall not have lost its distinct national character.

(4) The people claiming the benefit of "historical connection" with a given territory shall not have acquired in the meantime any other national territory of its own.

These conditions fitting in with the claims of the Jews for the Holy Land, prompted the Allied Powers and Britain in particular to issue the Balfour Declaration and ratify the Mandate in San Remo. Another point to remember, which Dr. Weizmann so pitifully put it, is the BIBLE is the Mandate of the Jews.

The citation I made that "the population is enjoying more law and order and civil liberty since the Arab Revolt of 1936," which your correspondent dismisses as preposterous is not mine, but that of Mr. Richard Crossman and is the considered opinion of a fair-minded Englishman and parliamentarian and I have no reason to disbelieve him.

I do not know on what basis your correspondent makes the preposterous allegation that "the Jews are not merely seeking refuge from political persecution in the creation of a Jewish State but they intend to acquire the whole of Palestine, Transjordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Sinai". Surely he does not think your readers are so gullible as to swallow a lie of such magnitude! What would the great powers do were such a move undertaken? After all, the return of the Jews to Israel was internationally sanctioned by the majority of the world and the spirit of competition.

In conclusion, your correspondent could do well to note Olmar's famous line:

"The moving finger writes; and having writ, moves on; not all your tears shall wash out a line. Nor all your fears wash out a word of it."

YALM-MINDED

A Unique Protest

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As a hotel resident I am just as

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not so anxious that I would desire

any reduction in my expense. This may sound strange, but what I mean by "at my expense" is precisely this.

As a business man I have enough business sense to know that when you cannot make ends meet, let alone make a profit, you automatically go out of the particular business you are in and try something else. What comes to my mind in connection with the reduction of the hotel rates is what happens to me should the management of the hotel that I am staying in find itself in such a position. As I see it, the management of any hotel when faced with the compulsory reduction in their rates and see their profits disappearing, have only two alternatives.

1. To reduce on their overheads or

2. To close down, but

I understand from the papers that a law will be passed that will prohibit hotel managements from reducing their standards of services, thus preventing the reduction of overheads.

That leaves us with the second alternative of going out of business. Should such an event come about, I would obviously inform myself being informed that the hotel is closing down and that I must vacate my room. This, then, will be the privilege of having cheaper rates at "my expense."

I have been a resident of a particular hotel for the past two years, during which time I have been quite satisfied with the rates and the standard of services. I estimate that the new rates will save me somewhat less than a hundred dollars per month. I am not in such a poor financial position that I would care to save this small sum at the risk of losing my room.

In which event, I ask you, where would I and all the other residents of the same hotel find satisfactory accommodation at the same rates—being led to understand that a number of hotels are exempt from control? This is another question which comes to my mind: How is it that some hotels will be controlled and others will not?

During the two years that my family and I have resided in this hotel, I have been looking for a flat or a house, not because I am dissatisfied with the hotel rates, but for other obvious reasons. Well, we're still in a hotel.

Why? Not because there aren't any flats or houses—I've found a few. If I had had the price of the key money or the fancy rent that they have been asking I could have moved in long ago.

I, for one, do not have that kind of money and if I did I doubt if I would be a party to such a vicious racket.

I can't understand why the hotels, some of which have been quite reasonable in their rates, have been selected from others to be attacked in this manner while there is a perfectly good law in existence against the key-money which continues virtually unnoticed when all that is required is some law enforcement.

The existence of law is useless without enforcement. It would seem to me that the Government could spend their time more usefully figuring out ways to enforce the laws they already have in existence than spending their time passing new laws that could be more harmful to the general public than good.

It might be sold in contradiction to my above comment that hotels might be forced out of business as a result of the reduction of the hotel rates, but no hotel may be closed as a result of the management deciding to go out of business, in which event the premises would be requisitioned and operated by the Government and all residents would remain in the rooms they now occupy.

In reply to this, I would like to know how the government could operate the same business without reduction in the standard of services and without coming out of the short end of the budget if the present hotel management believes it cannot.

Then again, since when does the government of a democracy force a private enterprise out of business and then attempt to take over this enterprise themselves? It sounds to me more like communism than democracy.

It is also my opinion that to reside in a hotel operated and subsidised by the government would not be a particularly desirable place since the spirit of competition would be lacking.

As we all know, the most desirous principle in a democracy is free enterprise and the spirit of competition. I'm opposed to enterprises in which enormous profits are made, but I am also opposed to such action by government which prevents business enterprise from making a reasonable margin of profit.

It doesn't seem logical that any government can enforce blanket reductions on the income of a business enterprise without first carefully studying detailed income and expense analysis on each business concerned, and then only such reductions made to permit a satisfactory margin of profit.

To the best of my knowledge the rates published last July were based on no such documents.

The revised rates again published last October were recommended by a committee that again did not request from the Hotel managements certified income and expense analysis.

If beyond me how any intelligent decision can be made by any authority without first examining the figures. This is plain common sense.

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Colonial Chamber 2.30 p.m.

Fair Merchant.

Questions Asked

Sir.—In November last we were informed by the Acting Financial Secretary, Mr. A.F. Clarke, that Government had invested \$1,085,000 in "surplus" funds in the "shares" of Associated Properties Ltd., and at the recent Statutory Meeting of this Company it was revealed that this sum represents considerably more than one-third of the total subscribed.

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Carry it be that Government has acquired, on our behalf, such a surplus of funds that it can afford to regard the investment of a sum of this magnitude as an unimportant trifle?

It is time that more was made public regarding the purchase of these shares, the return which can be expected and the negotiable value thereof, otherwise we shall be justified in asking further embarrassing questions!

YALM-MINDED

Disappointed

Sir.—According to a report which appeared in your paper on February 11, Mr. H.G.W. Woodhead, CBE, has returned to this Colony, more or less after a trip which took him almost round the world.

I have been daily scanning your columns for an article by Mr. Woodhead, but have so far been disappointed to note that he has not written anything for the "China Mail" or "Sunday Herald".

In view of Mr. Woodhead's extensive travels since he left this Colony last year, it would be most interesting to have his present-day impressions regarding Hong Kong and the trend of events in China, in the light of what he has seen and learnt during his tour abroad.

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Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS:

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 18th, of February to Saturday the 5th, of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board, A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED, General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

## HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. H. PATERSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Exclusive Authorised Representative of Jantzen Knitting Mills in China and Hong Kong is

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## ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on Tuesday 8th March 1949 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th February 1949 to the 8th March 1949 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th, of February to Saturday the 5th, of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded when the abovementioned Resolution will be submitted:

THAT the Authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$3,000,000 Shares of \$10 each (of which the whole have been issued) to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 700,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1949.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE &amp; FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday the 6th, day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948 and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at 12.30 p.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded, when the abovementioned Resolution will be submitted:

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S 762 H J 33 DA 108 CK J 13

S 84 H 4 H 75 D Q 976 C 84

W E HAK Q 10 0 6 2 D K 3 C 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

West North East

1 H Pass 2 C Pass

3 H Pass 4 H Pass

4 NT Pass 5 D Pass

6 H

West followed his scoring of

the club A with a switch to the

diamond 2, and South went to

work at his card reading. He de-

cided that if West had not held

the club Q, he would have repeat-

ed the suit in order to help es-

tablish it for East—hence West

had it.

South's thinking then followed

orderly lines. With eleven tricks

in sight and no club to lead for

a finesse of the J, he had to build

a squeeze. Suppose he played a

as to have in dummy the dia-

mond A & club J when he led

the last heart, also having in

the West over South's 1-Club?

Tomorrow's Problem

S 72 H KJ 10 53 D AK 2 C Q 10 5

S A Q 9 H A Q 6 D 10 84 C 7

S Q J 10 H 2 D J 5 3 O A K J 6 4

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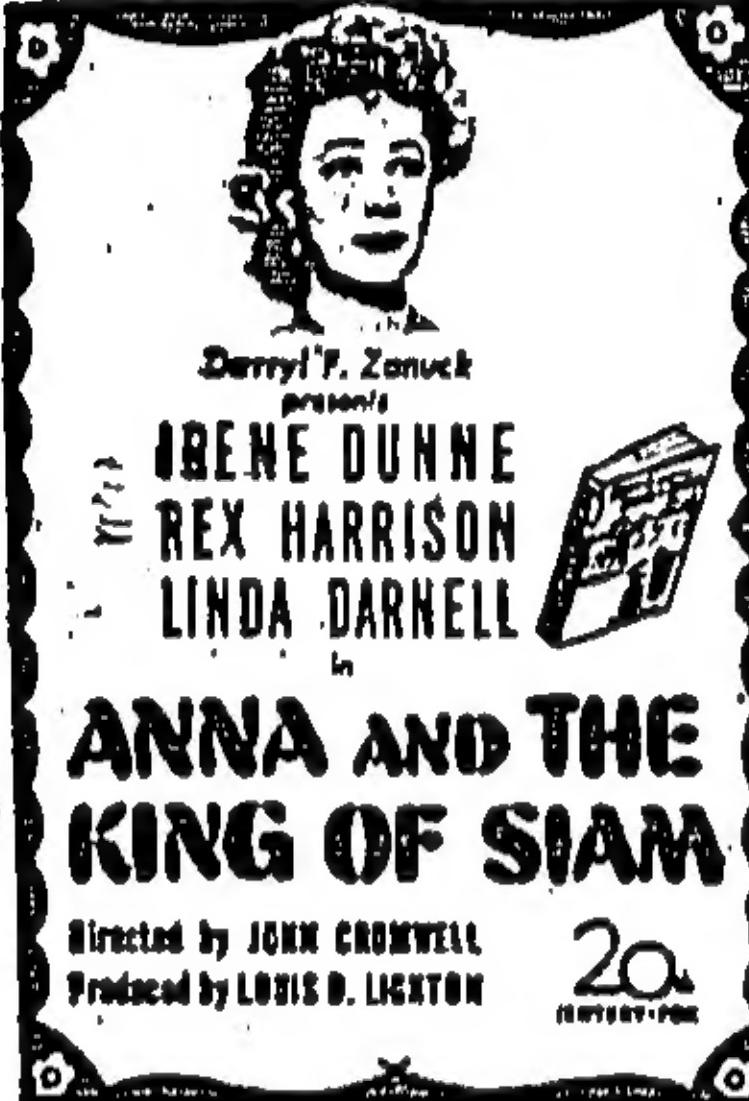
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AT THE **KINGS****VIETNAMESE TO  
CONTINUE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST FRENCH**

Paris, February 21. The Vietnamese people would not lay down their arms in their struggle against the French for independence even if Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam, returned to Indo-China with an agreement for the unity and independence of the country. Dr. Ho Chi-minh, the Vietminh (Indo-Chinese autonomist) leader, declared today over the Viet-Minh Radio and reported by Agence France Presse from Saigon. Do Ho's statement coincided with the arrival of Bao Dai here from Cannes for the final negotiations intended to prepare his return to Saigon as head of the Vietnam Republic. Well informed French quarters close to Bao Dai were optimistic today about the outcome of these negotiations, which began last June.

Britain has for some time been indicating to the French Government through her diplomatic representatives her anxiety over the French situation in Indo-China, usually reliable sources in Paris disclosed. Consultation between Britain and France on the situation in South East Asia was "more or less continuous," they added.

The French news agency reported a revival of Nationalist "terrorism" in Saigon during the past week. Grenades exploded in different parts of the town every night, the agency said. In the latest attack, 11 Indo-Chinese were wounded.

Partisans of Dr. Ho Chi Minh also set fire to a sawmill on the outskirts of the town. It was added.

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai arrived in Paris today from Southern France to negotiate with the French Government for his return to Indo-China as Chief of State of Vietnam which comprises three of the five provinces of Indo-China-Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The Ex-Emperor stated recently that he would not return to Indo-China until the French National Assembly had specifically endorsed the inclusion of Cochinchina in the Vietnam State. Certain French quarters are opposed to this inclusion.

**Agreement Expected**

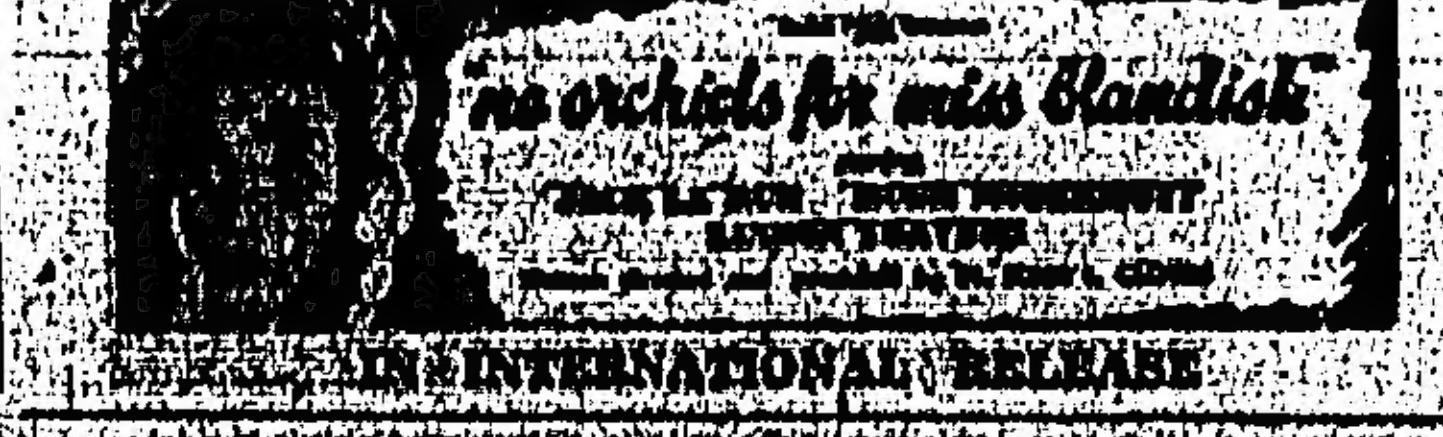
Officials close to the ex-Emperor said today that the negotiations were entering "their final phase" and seemed hopeful that an agreement would soon be reached for his return. The ex-Emperor came to Paris at the invitation of the French President, M. Vincent Auriol.

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**Communist Gains  
Reported In Burma**

Rangoon, February 21. Combined forces of Karen and Communist rebels have occupied the Central Burma towns of Pyinmana, Yamethin and Meiktila, it was officially stated today. Meiktila is the headquarters of the North Burma Army. By their capture of Meiktila the insurgents control about 300 kilometres of road and railway connecting the capital of Rangoon with Mandalay.

Using a Dakota plane, the insurgents had seized the airfield at Meiktila, between Rangoon and Mandalay. The Karens were reported unopposed to have landed and captured the aerodrome at Amsaken, 30 miles north of Mandalay. The plane belonged to the Cathay Pacific Airlines and it had been requisitioned by the Burmese Army who tried to contact the town by radio and were seeking news of the plane.

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An official spokesman here said the rebels were reported to be advancing northwards towards Mandalay, presumably to rescue Karen soldiers disarmed by Government forces.

Burmese Air Force planes today bombed Karen positions in Insein, near here, and Chin Riflemen in the Government Army captured more positions in the town, it was reported.

A Government communiqué added that after Government forces had entered the railway workshops at Gyagon, South of Insein, heavy fighting took place and the Karens made unsuccessful attempts to break through the lines of the attackers.

Returning here today, he described how he suspected trouble when armed men tried to enter his plane as it touched down at Meiktila. He said he took off at Reuter.

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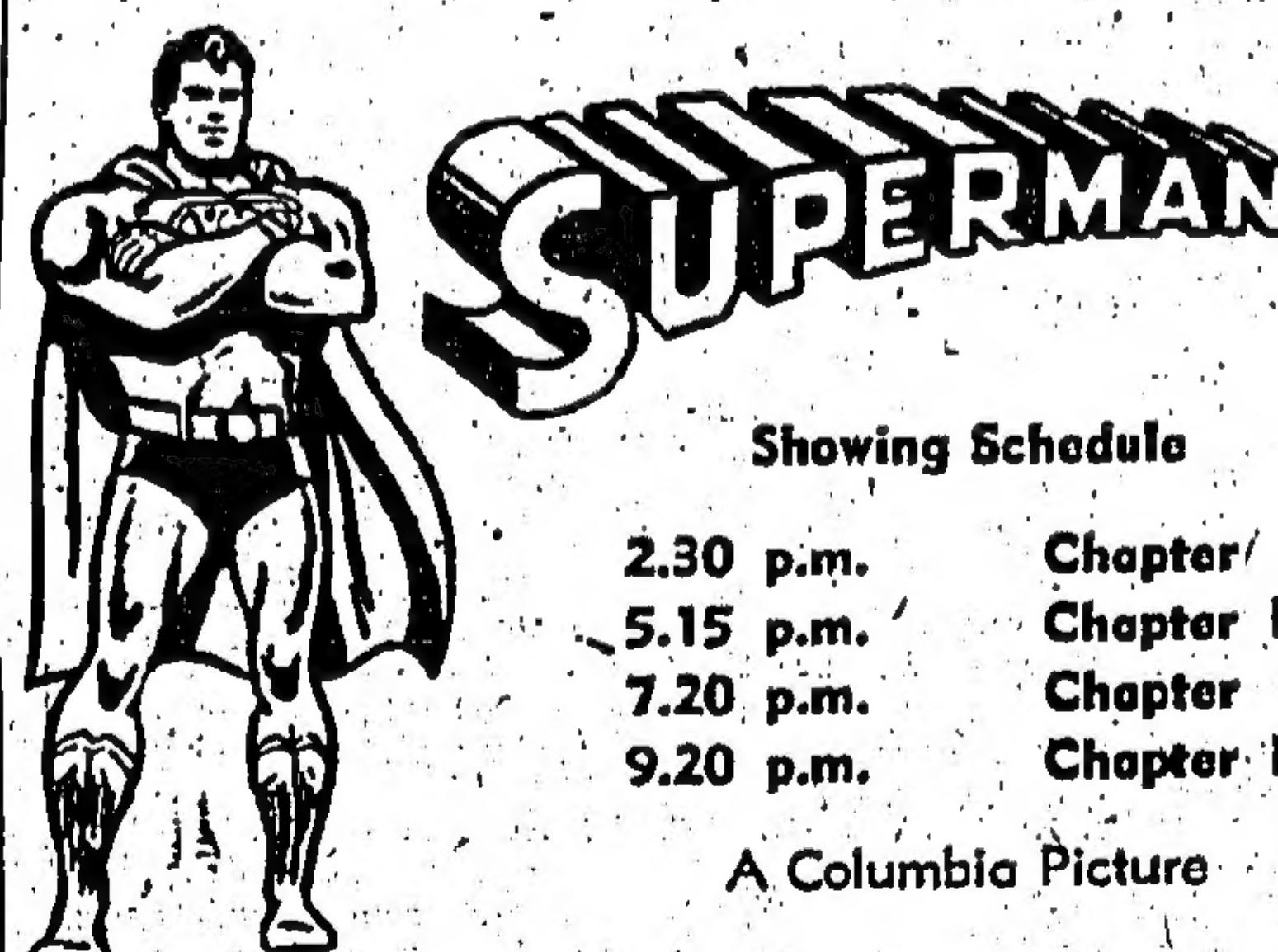
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It Was Taken For Granted  
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FUTURE generations may deem it noteworthy that the supreme question of whether we should fight on alone never found a place upon the War Cabinet Agenda. It was taken for granted and as a matter of course by these men of all Parties in the State, and we were much too busy to waste time upon such unreal, academic issues. We were united also in viewing the new phase with good confidence. It was decided to tell the Dominions the whole facts. I was invited to send a message in the same sense to President Roosevelt, and also to sustain the determination of the French Government and assure them of our utmost support.

On June 13, 1940, I made my last visit to France for four years almost to a day. The French Government had now withdrawn to Tours, and tension had mounted steadily. I took Edward Halifax and General Ismay with me, and Max Beaverbrook volunteered to come too. In trouble he is always buoyant. This time the weather was cloudless, and we sailed over in the midst of our Hurricane squadron, making a rather wider sweep to the Southwest than before. Arrived over Tours, we found the airport had been heavily bombed the night before, but we and all our escort landed smoothly in spite of the craters.

Immediately one sensed the increasing degeneration of affairs. No one came to meet us or seemed to expect us. We borrowed a Service car from the Station Commander and motored into the city, making for the Prefecture, where it was said the French Government had their headquarters. No one of consequence was there, but Reynaud was reported to be motorizing from the country, and Mandel was also to arrive soon.

## Silky Manner

It being already nearly 2 o'clock, I insisted upon luncheon, and after some parleyings we drove through streets crowded with refugees' cars, most of them with a mattress on top and crammed with luggage. We found a cafe which was closed, but after explanations we obtained a meal. During luncheon I was visited by M. Baudouin, an official of the French Foreign Office, whose influence had risen in these latter days. He began at once in his soft, silky manner about the hopelessness of the French resistance. If the United States would declare war on Germany, it might be possible for France to continue. What did I think about this? I did not discuss the question further than to say that I hoped America would come in, and that we should certainly fight on. Afterwards, I was told, spread it about that I had agreed that France should surrender unless the States came in.

It is unlikely in our opinion that any hotelier will close his doors because of the new regulations. And presumably the new ordinance implies, if it does not state in watertight fashion, that all normal facilities must still be provided under the new rates. If this is so, any resident could invoke the law if these were revoked.

To anticipate official comment should hotels go out of business, our correspondent says that government might indeed take over the closed properties (although he wouldn't like to live in one under such conditions), but he asks if it is government's intention to drive private enterprises out of business and then run the concerns themselves? A fair question, even if unlikely to require an answer.

He does, however, make one point which has been discussed time and again throughout the colony: in the shortage of accommodation, are hotel proprietors such big sharks as compared with the owners of new houses and flats? Do the present rentals even approximate the increased costs of building? And just what justifies the key money racket, apart from sheer opportunism? No one with any sense would deny that the stamping out of this vicious system would be extremely difficult, through lack of evidence mainly.

There is no doubt that such practices flourish only because the public panders to them and will not complain. It is reprehensible but understandable that a tenant who has agreed to pay key money will not report the matter to the police. But what of the man—with his wife as witness—who has been offered a flat only on payment of an exorbitant sum and refused it?

Surely he is lacking in his obvious duty if he does not

hand. Hence arose the alternative of armistice and peace. Mr. Reynaud proceeded to say that the Council of Ministers had on the previous day instructed him to inquire what would be Britain's attitude should the worst come. He himself was well aware of the solemn pledge that no separate peace would be entered into by either ally. General Weygand, and others pointed out that France had already sacrificed

everything in the common cause.

She had nothing left; but she had succeeded in greatly weakening the common foe.

It would in those circumstances be a shock if Britain failed to concede that France was physically unable to carry on, if France was still expected to fight on and thus deliver up her people to the certainty of corruption and evil transformation at the hands of ruthless specialists in the art of bringing conquered peoples to heel. That then was the question which he had to put. Would Great Britain realize the hard facts with which France was faced?

## Official Record

The official British record reads as follows:

Mr. Churchill said that Great Britain realized now much France had suffered and was suffering. Her own turn would come, and she was ready. She grieved to find that her contribution to the land struggle was at present so small,

owing to the reverses which had been met with as a result of applying an agreed strategy in the North. The British had not yet felt the German lash, but were aware of its force. They nevertheless had but one thought: to win the war and destroy Hitlerism. Everything was subordinate to that aim; no difficulties, no regrets, could stand in the way.

He was well assured of British capacity for enduring and persisting, for striking back till the foe was beaten. They would therefore hope that France would carry on fighting South of Paris down to the sea, and if need be from North Africa. At all costs time must be gained. The period of waiting was not limitless: a pledge from the United States would make it quite short.

The alternative course meant destruction for France quite as certainly. Hitler would abide by no pledges. If, on the other hand, France remained in the struggle, with her fine Navy, her great Empire, her Army still able to carry on guerrilla warfare on a gigantic scale, and if Germany failed to destroy England, which she must do or go under, if then Germany's might in the air was broken, then the whole hateful edifice of Nazidom would totter over.

## Never Doubted

Given immediate help from America, perhaps, even a declaration of war, victory was not so far off. At all events England would fight on. She had not and would not alter her resolve: no terms, no surrender. The alternatives for her were death or victory. That was his answer to M. Reynaud's question.

M. Reynaud replied that he had never doubted England's determination. He was, however, anxious to know how the British Government would react in a certain contingency. The French Government—the present one or another—might say: "We know you will carry on. We would also, if we saw any hope of a victory. But we see no sufficient hopes of an early victory. We cannot count on American help. There is no light at the end of the tunnel. We cannot abandon our people to indefinite German domination. We must come to terms. We have no choice..."

It was already too late to organize a redoubt in Brittany. Nowhere would a genuine French Government have a hope of escaping capture on French soil... The question to Britain would therefore take the form: "Will you acknowledge..."

After our departure from Tours at about half-past five M. Reynaud met his Cabinet again at Cenagey. They were vexed that I and my colleagues had not come there to join them. We should have been very willing to do so, no matter how late we had to fly home. But we were never invited; nor did we know there was to be a French Cabinet meeting.

At Cenagey the decision was taken to move the French Government to Bordeaux, and Reynaud sent off his telegram to Roosevelt with its desperate appeal for the entry on the scene at least of the American Fleet.

At 10.15 p.m. I made my new report to the Cabinet. My account was endorsed by my two

comrades. While we were still

sitting, Ambassador Kennedy arrived with President Roosevelt's reply to Reynaud's appeal of June 10.

President Roosevelt to M. Reynaud

13.VI.40.  
According to our front page yesterday, "A Methodist bishop visiting the Orient says that a Communist offensive is moving across South-Eastern Asia with the rest of the Continent." And they also told us you can't take it with you.

Some types in Canton have been moved very deeply. As I have already stated to you and to Mr. Churchill, this Government is doing everything in its power to make available to the Allied Governments the material they so urgently require, and our efforts to do still more are being redoubled. This is so because of our faith in and our support of the Allies for which the Allies are fighting.

The magnificent resistance of the French and British Armies has profoundly impressed the American people.

Some hotel keepers are said to be doing little. So far there will be silver threads among the gold.

Conservatives are sickened by the State Health Service in Britain.

Decreased fertility in the U.S. is said to be due to the change from rural to a more hectic city existence. Even without the entertainments of the town, a true lover of nature need not find the country evenings dull.

This poem is the only one of its kind in the English language.

The recital of the title takes more time than the rhyme—Punch.

"Seven Years Hard For Bus Robber." But not any harder than for anybody else.

Errant printers again. "Troubadour in Damascus." No relation to the Mandi.

A policeman posing as a policeman. Well, it takes a something to catch a something.

## Control Over Atoms Sought

Washington, February 22.

The United Nations has been urged to undertake supervision of an International distribution of radio-active isotopes.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

## Higher Army Pay Urged

Washington, February 21.

The Secretary of Defense, Mr. James Forrestal, today asked Congress to raise the pay of most military personnel by a total of over US\$4,000,000 yearly.

Mr. Forrestal testified before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on an administration bill which would set up the first uniform pay scale for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, public health, Service and Coast, and Geodetic Survey. Except for the lowest-ranking enlisted man and raw recruit, everyone in uniform would benefit.

The Secretary told the Committee the proposed scales were based on the first comprehensive study made since 1903, an undertaking that required a year and a half. He said they need to wipe out inequities resulting from piecemeal adjustments made in the past and to put military personnel on a "equal pay for equal work" basis with civilians.

United Press.

The proposal was made on behalf of the Federation of American Scientists by Dr. Arthur Roberts, State University of Iowa physicist, and chairman of the Federation's Administrative Committee.

The Federation describes itself as an organization embracing 20 different scientific associations with a total membership of 2,000, mainly atomic scientists.

## Peace And Security

Dr. Roberts said the materials in question in no way threaten the peace and security of the nation. Hence it may well be possible to achieve a measure of international co-operation in this harmless but important field of atomic endeavour.

(The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has been making American-made isotopes available to foreign countries. Twenty-one countries have already received shipments.)

Dr. Roberts said problems involved include licensing, safety guards for health, standards of measurements, distribution procedures, nomenclature and prices.

—Associated Press.

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## HOTEL RESIDENTS

It has certainly not been the opinion of this paper, ever since the controversy started, that Hong Kong hoteliers were, on the whole, going to suffer unfairly or be put out of business by control of their rents. A case might possibly have been made out against Mr. Eardley's sweeping reforms, but the new ordinance seemed rather lacking in teeth instead of being unduly formidable. Most residents and transients certainly are of this opinion.

It is, however, refreshing to have a letter from a hotel resident like that printed in the "China Mail" today, virtually objecting to any sort of control over landlords and managements. Not that the writer claims any love for those who sit at the receipt of custom; he merely feels that his own welfare will suffer. Like this. Admitting that hotel profits will decrease, as a business man himself he sees only two likely developments—that services and standards will be cut down, or the owners will be forced to give up operations—both contingencies which would cause him and his family definite discomfort.

There is something to be said for this argument, but the theoretical answer is that government is apparently satisfied that the reduced margin of profit is still sufficient large to allow of continued services at the present standard and to provide further incentive to carry on. It is unlikely in our opinion that any hotelier will close his doors because of the new regulations. And presumably the new ordinance implies, if it does not state in watertight fashion, that all normal facilities must still



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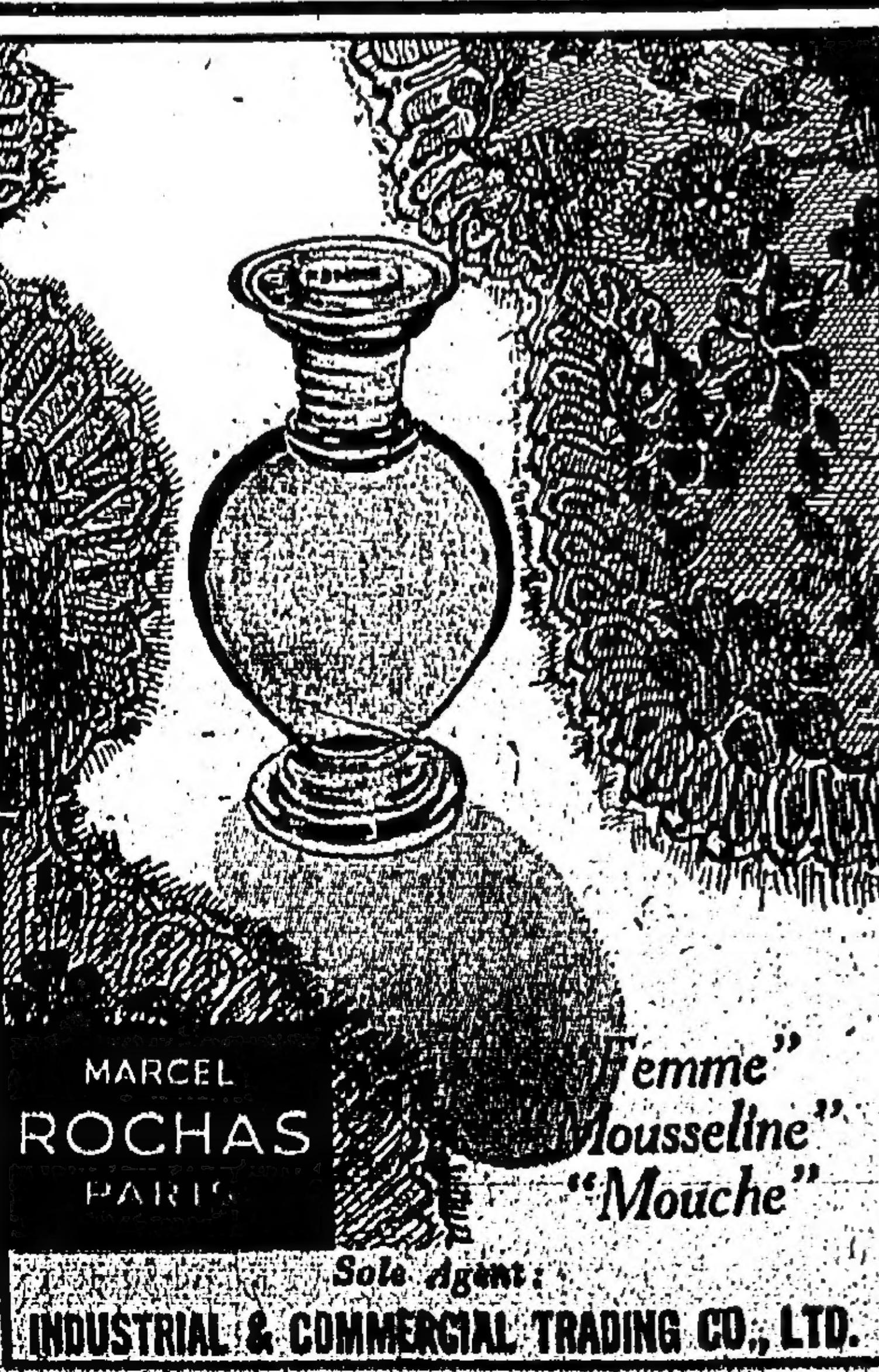
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# Woman Today

## THREE SMART BLOUSES



Blouses provide a priceless opportunity to ring the changes in present fashions. They can be the keynote of any ensemble, from early morning to late at night. Sketched are three ideas suitable for the younger woman. Left: coin spot silk with a turtle neck and three-quarter sleeves, the neck and shoulders outlined with rick-rack braid. Centre: White rayon crepe made on shirt-waist lines, finished with a double file of gold buttons, convertible collar and three-quarter sleeves. Right: Striped cotton in more feminine design, beruffled at the throat, cuffs and deep V-yoke.

### Paris Problems

Although France to most people means Paris, and Paris is synonymous with clothes, it is curious that as an industry high-class cutting does not count much in the economic life of France. Mr. Marshall's European Recovery Plan is hardly concerned with it at all. It is an industry employing comparatively little labour, the profits of which are turned back into the business. But it has two invaluable functions—it attracts the tourists and is a shop window for the textile trade.

France's important exporting industries are textiles (which include carpets, tiles, and all those sorts of thing), steel, iron, paper, food. So it was bitter for her when Mr. Bevin, who should have known better, mistook the influence of French luxury for French industry and said in effect that France wished Britain to abandon her austerity programme and buy luxury goods from her.

Mr. Strachey, too, misinformedly told the House that all France wished to sell us in the way of food was foie gras and champagne. It is important for France that one should keep pointing out that it is sustaining food and wool that she wishes to sell Britain, and that her reputation for being the capital of luxury, though true, gives a false impression.

#### Priests Of Luxury

And if Dior, Schiaparelli, and the rest are the high priests of luxury they also preach the importance of making necessity more interesting.

Edward Molyneux, blinking sadly in the nervous way he has, tells you: "What irritates one is the attitude (of most Englishmen) that attractive clothes are luxurious frippery. I don't see them like that at all. I see them as a necessary part of domestic life—a means of enhancing a woman for man—to stimulate his affection for her—to help in what I can only call 'creation'".

It was Bernard Shaw who said: "Sex appeal lies in clothes". And as a result of this, in the mid-thirties, G. B. Cochran announced: "I am going to make clothes.

my young ladies more attractive than ever—instead of undressing them—I'm going to dress them! And if sex appeal is a necessary part of domestic life and sex appeal lies in clothes—whatever view Englishmen take—then Paris is still the fountain-head of high-class cutting—the capital of luxury, though true, gives a false impression.

## Beauty Secrets

By Claudia

My recent article on some of the most common mistakes in applying make-up has brought a number of enquiries about several kinds of make-up problems.

It is, after all, the many little "tricks of the trade" which are so well worth the trouble of finding out. There is no secret about them, except, perhaps, the knack of learning and remembering. But they do help us to get the very best out of our beauty aids and preparations.

Some may seem small points, but few you can choose from indeed...but each one makes a big difference to the finished "you".

How to achieve that porcelain look, the pearly glow which makes your complexion something quite out of this world! Simply wear a lighter powder over a darker tint of foundation. Try it and see.

Powder secret...dab some powder on to the palm of your hand. Now spread your hand open and see how the powder has emphasised every line in the palm. That, on a mild scale, is what often happens to the face, so when powdering, use a light touch. Just powder them thickly before you apply mascara. Then put on three coats, letting each coat dry before applying the next.

Now the make-up for sparse lashes. Of course, if you have plenty of time and money, you can go all-out and fit yourself with false ones. Meanwhile, there's a simple way of making those scanty lashes look twice as thick and three times as handsome. Just powder them thickly before you apply mascara. Then put on three coats, letting each coat dry before applying the next.

To give the eyes a special shine and lustre for some very special occasion, you can get a tiny bottle of quite harmless drops. With

each bottle goes a little dropper. One drop in each eye will enhance their beauty amazingly.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC TEXTILES



A new textile printing technique by which photographs are used in conjunction with the silk screen process has been invented in Australia by textile designer Gerald Herbet, of Prestige Ltd, Melbourne.

The Photex process is similar to that used in making blocks for newspaper photographs. A half-tone negative of the photograph to be reproduced is made with a process camera.

A piece of bolting silk is sensitized in the same way as a block of metal is sensitized to make a block for a newspaper photograph. Then the half-tone negative is printed on to the sensitized silk and developed.

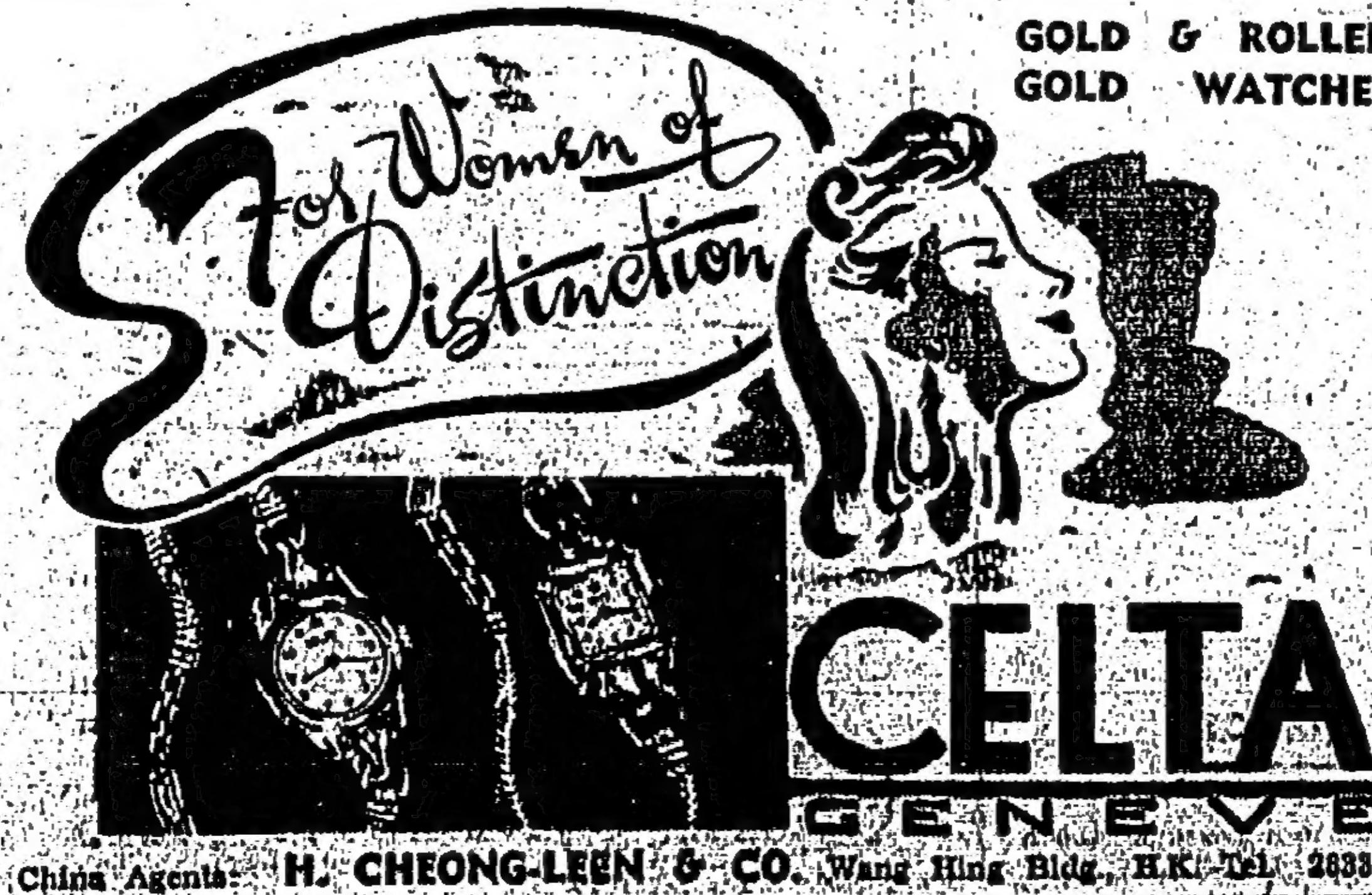
This gives the photographic effect on the silk screen. The design is then printed on the fabric by the normal silk screen method.

Mr. Herbet has also successfully printed continuous tone negatives on textiles, the method in this case being to sensitize the textiles themselves and print the design photographically. He finds the Photex method cheaper and more practical, and considers that its stipple effect is more suited to the textile medium.

Most of the early Photex designs featured portraits, but landscapes have also been used effectively. One design features a Swiss mountain landscape. Trees, mountain, sky and stream are reproduced in detail with delicate gradations of tone, making a rich and attractive design.

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# CHANGE IN JAPAN POLICY NOT DISCUSSED

London, February 21.

The British Government has received no representations from the United States Government with a view to changing the Allied policy over the occupation of Japan, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a question by a Labour Member, Mr. Raymond Blackburn. He also said, in reply to another question, that in view of the diversity of opinions on the composition and voting procedure of a Japanese peace conference, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, knew of no useful initiative that could be taken at present for a conference.

Neither did he at present contemplate any step towards the early resumption of direct relations between Britain and the Government of Japan.

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, had asked what were the procedural difficulties blocking progress towards a peace treaty with Japan and what was being done to overcome them. He also asked if the Foreign Secretary would consider devising some other instrument which would enable Japanese reparations and debts to be decided finally and liquidated and to enable the British Government to deal directly with the elected Japanese Government on trade and other matters vitally concerning Britain and Japan.

## Differences Noted

Mr. McNeil replied: "There are differences among the powers concerned as to the composition and voting procedure of a Japanese peace conference. By far the most important of these arises from the insistence of the Soviet Union that the Far Eastern settlement is primarily a matter for consideration by the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"The British Government, on the other hand, consider that the countries which actually carried the burden of the combat against the Japanese, and in particular the Commonwealth countries and Burma, should rank equally with the major powers in the drafting of the treaty."

"In view of the divergence of these opinions, the Foreign Secretary knows of no useful initiative that could be taken at present. With regard to reparations, this and the closely-related question of Japan's future level of industry are subjects for consideration by the Far Eastern Commission, where our repre-

## General On Smedley Case

Tokyo, February 21.  
Major General Charles Willoughby, General Douglas MacArthur's intelligence chief, announced tonight that he would not claim immunity in any legal action which might be taken by Miss Agnes Smedley, the American writer who has been accused of being a Soviet spy.

Major General Willoughby said in a special statement that he was not responsible for the release of a report

from the United States Army Headquarters in Tokyo which told a sensational story of a Russian spy ring which was said to have foisted the Japanese Cabinet and the German Embassy in Tokyo of secrets which helped turn the tide of war.

Miss Smedley, who spent more than 12 years in the Far East, was alleged to have been connected with this pre-war ring, led by a German journalist, Dr. Richard George.

Major General Willoughby said he would welcome action against him as an American citizen so as to emphasize the "looming dangers which threaten American civilisation in subversive systems hiding behind and protected by free institutions."—Reuter.

## ACCIDENTS IN ITALIAN STRIKE

Rome, February 21.  
A nationwide transport strike forced an estimated 1,500,000 workers to walk to their jobs in Italy today and caused nearly 1,000 minor accidents in Rome alone.

The strike was called by the Communist-controlled Secondary-Railway, Trolley and Bus Workers Union to protest against the government move to lay off workers. The walkout affected provincial railways and trolley and bus services in cities and towns.—United Press.

## Philippines Seek Additional U.S. Aid

Washington, February 22.  
Francisco Delgado, a Philippine War Damage Commissioner, said yesterday he hopes the U.S. Congress will grant the Philippines an additional US\$400,000,000 to US\$800,000,000 this session for further reimbursement of island war losses.

The Commission at present is disbursing US\$510,000,000 granted the Republic by the United States for payment of public and private war losses.

However, Delgado said in an interview, "This fund will pay only about one-third the value of claims already established."

Delgado said Philippine President Elpidio Quirino "hopes to come to Washington soon and I believe obtaining additional United States authorisations for island war losses will be one of his principal objectives."

Delgado said President Harry Truman has assured him of his "sympathetic interest" toward additional funds for the Philippines.

He said that if Congress grants an additional US\$400,000,000 "rehabilitation of these claims will have been accomplished on a practicable basis, while a US\$800,000,000 extra is obtained, complete reimbursement of losses will be made."

In testimony before the House Committee on request for US\$180,000,000 to finance claims payments during the coming fiscal year, Delgado said, vari-

ous Congressmen expressed inclinations to grant additional funds.

"However," he added, "the Philippines is but part of the global demand upon the United States, and our needs must be treated accordingly."

He said the Philippines is battling against inflation and Communism, "American assistance to us," he said, "helps this battle for ourselves and also the United States."

Delgado said President Harry Truman has assured him of his "sympathetic interest" toward additional funds for the Philippines.

He said that if Congress grants an additional US\$400,000,000 "rehabilitation of these claims will have been accomplished on a practicable basis, while a US\$800,000,000 extra is obtained, complete reimbursement of losses will be made."

In testimony before the House Committee on request for US\$180,000,000 to finance claims payments during the coming fiscal year, Delgado said, vari-

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In any event the Berlin record of those late summer and early autumn months of 1945 represents the peak of postwar cordiality and co-operation that we were ever able to achieve with the Soviet officials. In broader fields, on highest levels, misunderstandings continued to grow and these were inevitably reflected in the local German scene. It is possible, also, that this process worked in reverse.

Even before Pearl Harbour Day, the justice of the case to be decided by majority vote and thereafter shall have the power and the means to enforce its decision. This is a slight restriction indeed on nationalism and a small price to pay if thereby the peoples who stand for human liberty are better fitted to settle dissension within their own ranks or to meet attack from without.

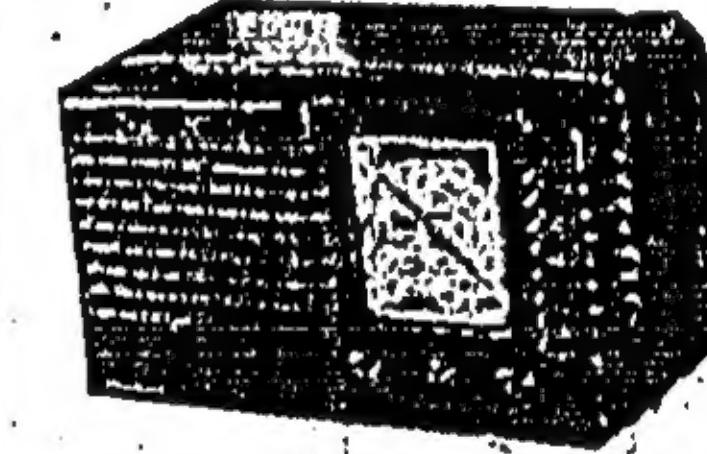
Here is the true, long-term assurance that democracy may flourish in Europe. Physical means and skillful organisation may see it safely through a crisis, but only if basically the democracy of our day satisfies the mental, moral, and physical wants of the masses living under it can it continue to exist.

We believe individual liberty, rooted in human dignity, is man's greatest treasure. We believe that men, given free expression of their will, prefer freedom and self-dependence to dictatorship and collectivism. From the evidence, it would appear that the Communist leaders also believe this; else why do they attack and attempt to destroy the practices of those concepts? Were they completely confident in the rectitude and appeal of their own doctrine, there would be no necessity for them to follow an aggressive policy. Time would be the only ally they needed if Communism as a spiritual force and moral inspiration appealed more to mankind than do individual rights and liberties. We who say Europe liberated know that the Communists fear that men will cling to freedom is well founded. It is possible that this truth may be the reason for what appears to be an aggressive intent on the part of the Communists to tear down all governmental structures based upon individual freedom.

If the men and women of America face this issue squarely and bravely as their soldiers faced the terrors of battle in World War II, we would have no fear of the outcome. If they will unite themselves as firmly as they did when they provided, with their Allies in Europe, the mightiest fighting force of all time, there is no temporal power that can dare challenge them. If they can retain the moral integrity, the clarity of comprehension, and the readiness to sacrifice that finally crushed the Axis, then the free world will live and prosper, and all peoples, eventually, will reach a level of culture, contentment, and security that has never before been achieved.

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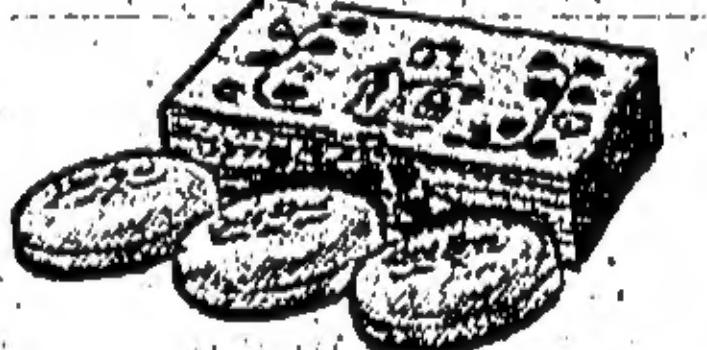
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## The Universal Hero —Bing Crosby

Without exception, the most colourful, successful and sincere personality to emerge from Hollywood—not because of but despite its flourish of ballyhoo—is Bing Crosby, the man with a voice, a heart, a universal following, a pretty wife, four sons, and above all, some 20 years of happy married life.

Topping all his 18 years of achievements moaning and groaning over the air, into the world and out of celluloid, is his Oscar rewarding portrayal of Father O'Malley in Leo McCarey's "Going My Way," filmed during the war.

Bing, christened Harry Lissis, was born in Tacoma, Washington, but when he was five, the family—eight in all—counting Pa and Ma Crosby—moved to Spokane, also in Washington.

Bing was independent. When a boy, rather than ask his parents for movie money, he'd work his fingers to the bone delivering papers, mowing lawns, running errands, and it is believed, even caddying.

The Crosbys are Irish and Catholics. After high school, Bing entered the Lulu Gonzaga University, run by Irish Jesuits, in which institution today are several Hong Kong boys, graduates of the Lulu Gonzaga College in Macao during the war.

Bing's mother had hoped that Bing would follow the priesthood. But when his interest turned to show business she was equally pleased. In Gonzaga however, Bing learned to play a little football, sang a little in the glee club and finally bought himself a set of drums and subsequently was out of law school.

It is not known whether it was the drums and the rhythm he learned from them that interested him with his law studies or the other way round. Even Bing himself is not certain.

Musical which he had also studied in Gonzaga had come into his life which was to make him the institution that we know of to-day.

Bing left Spokane in 1925 and headed for Hollywood fame, and Dixie Lee, his blonde wife, and Bill, Gary, Linny and Dennis, his four sons.

When Bing met Dixie he was one of the Rhythm Boys in the Coconut Grove and she was an up-and-coming musical star.

He was, and still is, one of those very casual types. But so much so in those days, he used to get into the habit of making dates but never keeping them.

When he phoned one day and told Dixie's friend that he wanted to meet Dixie somewhere, she blew up. "You can't tell that guy I don't go anywhere to meet anybody—especially him."

But Bing was as determined as he was casual and humorous. He called again, acted like a gentleman and said please. He didn't overdo it though, for before the evening was over he told Dixie "You know my phone number. Call me up."

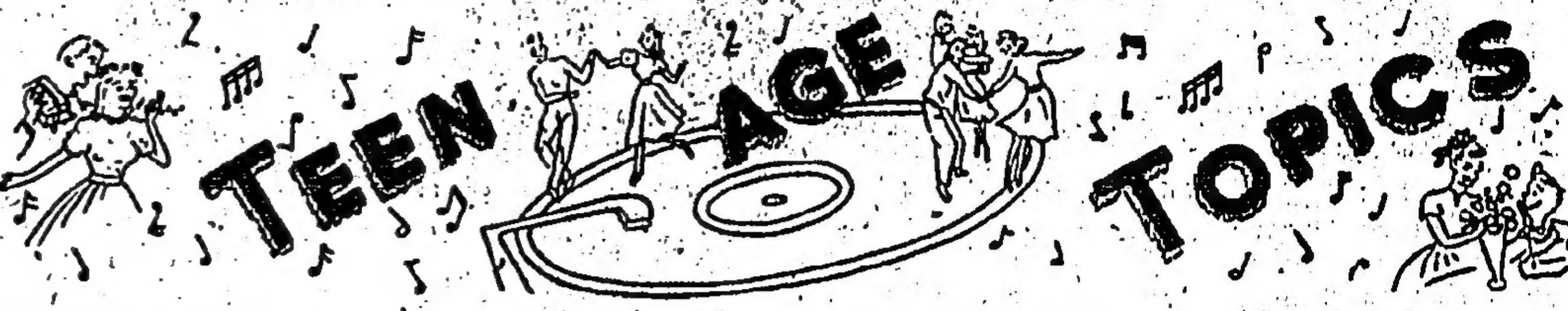
"I've got news for you," Dixie snapped. "I never call anybody up." That was how they fell in love.

And when Bing kept persistently singing to Dixie over the phone "I Surrender Dear," it was she in the end who surrendered. They were married a few months later, in September 1933.

Bing's charitable work is enormous. He sponsors a scholarship for poor-but-gifted inventors.

About the Hope-Crosby friendship everybody knows. Of Frankie Sinatra, Bing says "Frankie is my favourite male singer. He's great!"

His four sons (Irishers, Bing calls them) disagree though. Gary says, "Sinatra's good, but the way we feel about it, he sings for girls. Pop, now, he's got a voice that men like."



## PERSONALITY

This week we have a teen ager from the Braves softball team, Carlos d'Almada Remedios, 17 years old, who celebrates his birthday on January 28.

Carlos was born in Hong Kong and began kindergarten schooling privately until he was old enough to enter La Salle College.

He remained in La Salle until the war started, then joined St. Mary's which then opened classes for the duration of the Japanese occupation.

In 1945 Carlos left Hong Kong for Macao to continue his schooling in St. Luce Gonzaga College; returning to La Salle after the

I can't jive and don't intend to learn; as for dancing, I regard it only as a social asset."

Carlos is keen only in what he terms as "sweet swing and music that has a tune to it." His favourite band leader is Glenn Miller, his tune, "At Last" by Glenn.

Of the vocalists, Carlos chooses Peggy Lee, Sinatra and Bing and the two persons he prefers.

Crosby. Like many another teen ager, Carlos likes to read adventure novels, particularly Westerns. He reads the classics also—but on a smaller scale. Carlos is very fond of English literature and named Macaulay's "Life of Cleo" as his favourite.

Asked what he thought as the greatest sportsman of our time, Carlos named Joe DiMaggio, centre fielder for the New York Yankees.

His other hero is England's Dennis Compton, "although he does come in after the Don in cricket," he concluded.

## Prize Winners

Winners of last week's crossword competition are Deanna Huang (\$5), 11 King Kwong Street, third floor, Hong Kong; Jorge Chego (\$4), 408 The Peak, Hong Kong.

The prizes will be in the mail today.

When sending in your entries to the prize crosswords, please do not write your names on the envelopes, because these sometimes get lost. It would be a better idea to paste your crosswords on a piece of paper with your name and address on it, as many are doing.

Solutions to last week's puzzle: ACROSS: 1-Kowloon, 6-To, 8-BA,

9-Teon, 10-Singh, 13-Pit, 14-Star,

18-As, 19-Dept, 20-FAA, 21-AP,

22-Wong, 23-La, 27-Ex, 28-Liberty,

DOWN: 1-Keen, 2-Wu, 3-LST,

4-Ore, 5-Nan, 6-TB, 7-Oasis, 11-

12-Gala, 13-Pa, 14-SD, 15-Ten,

16-Apple, 17-Rt, 20-PG, 22-Nib,

24-Soy, 25-Oxo, 26-GR.

## Platter Chatter

### Looking Ahead

New chirp, Barbara Cameron is reported to possess the ability to emot with much feeling. Her records include: Two Loves Have I; I Love You, Yes I Do; What'll I Do and Tell Me Please.

Harry James has pretty Marlon Morgan doing the vocals. If her voice is as lovely as her face the platter just released should sell well. It's called: Ah, But It Happened.

A former Les Brown singer, cute Dick Day is one of the stars of the forthcoming picture Romance on the High Seas. Two of her records: It's Magic and Love Somebody made the hit parade. Her latest waxings are due with Buddy Clark: My Darling, My Darling, That Certain Party, If You Will, Marry Me; You Was.

Les Brown now has Eileen Wilson singing for him and material chosen is the old tune: Oh, How I Miss You. Tonight backed with Just One Of Those Things.

Patty Andrews (one of the Scouries) joined Bob Crosby, Bing's brother, for a likely hit, The Pussy Cat Song.

Far Away Places is destined to be one of the year's leading melodies judging from the number of soloists who have waxed this tune: Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore and Perry Como.

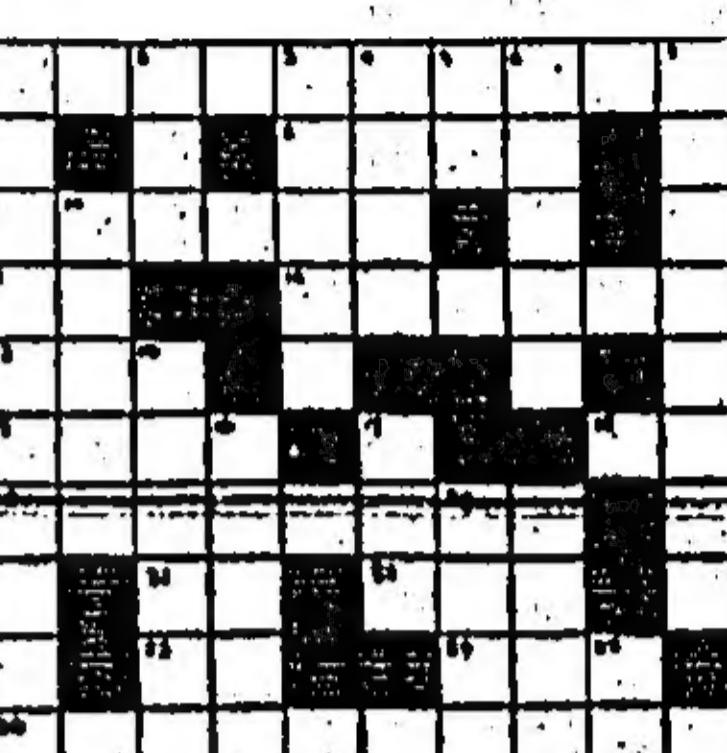
Other tunes attracting a good deal of attention are: Lavender Blue; So Tired; You Were Only Foolin'; A Little Bird Told Me and Powder Your Face with Sunshine.

England, Canada and the U.S. are in complete accord. All three countries have Buttons and Bows as the number one song with Dinah Shore's version as the best seller.

Other English favourites are: When You're In Love; My Happiness and Cuanto Lo Gusta.

Decca has Carmen Miranda teamed up with the Andrews

## Prize Crossword



- Across:**
1. Tropical fruit.
  2. Ready to be reaped.
  3. A feeling.
  4. Confidential.
  5. Part of man's attire.
  6. Past of ride.
  7. A spice.
  8. Telegraphic transfer.
  9. Part of the foot.
  10. Little.
  11. Enclosed.
- Down:**
1. Goes through.
  2. For fishing.
  3. Got up.
  4. A tree.
  5. To mock.
  6. Give penalty.
  7. It smells.
  8. Newspaper boss.
  9. An organic salt.
  10. Verb (past tense).
  11. Opposite of up.

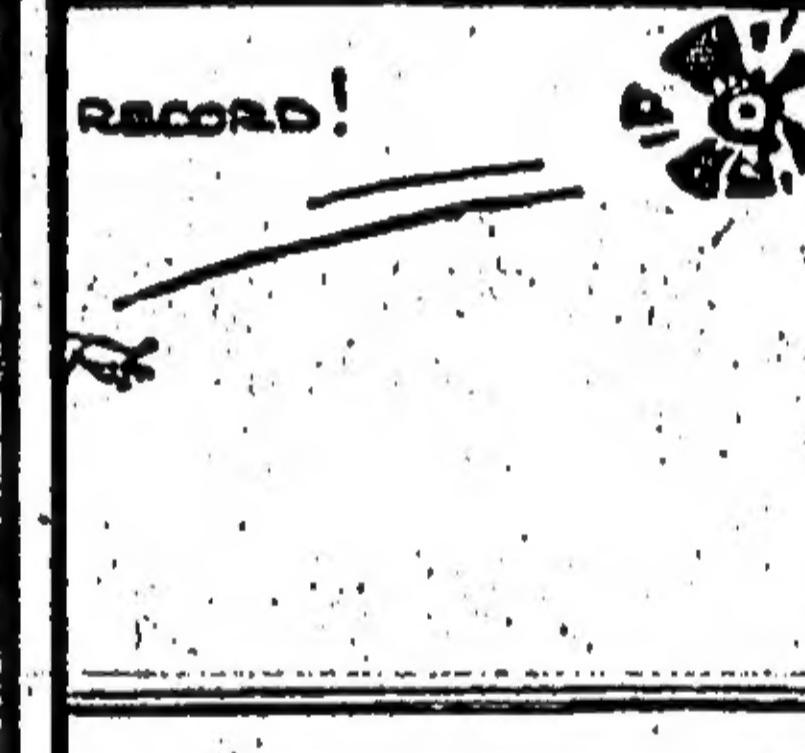
Sisters for Cuanto Lo Gusta with The Matador on the reverse.

Denny Dennis takes the vocals on Tommy Dorsey's promising numbers How Many Tears May Fall? and Down By the Station.

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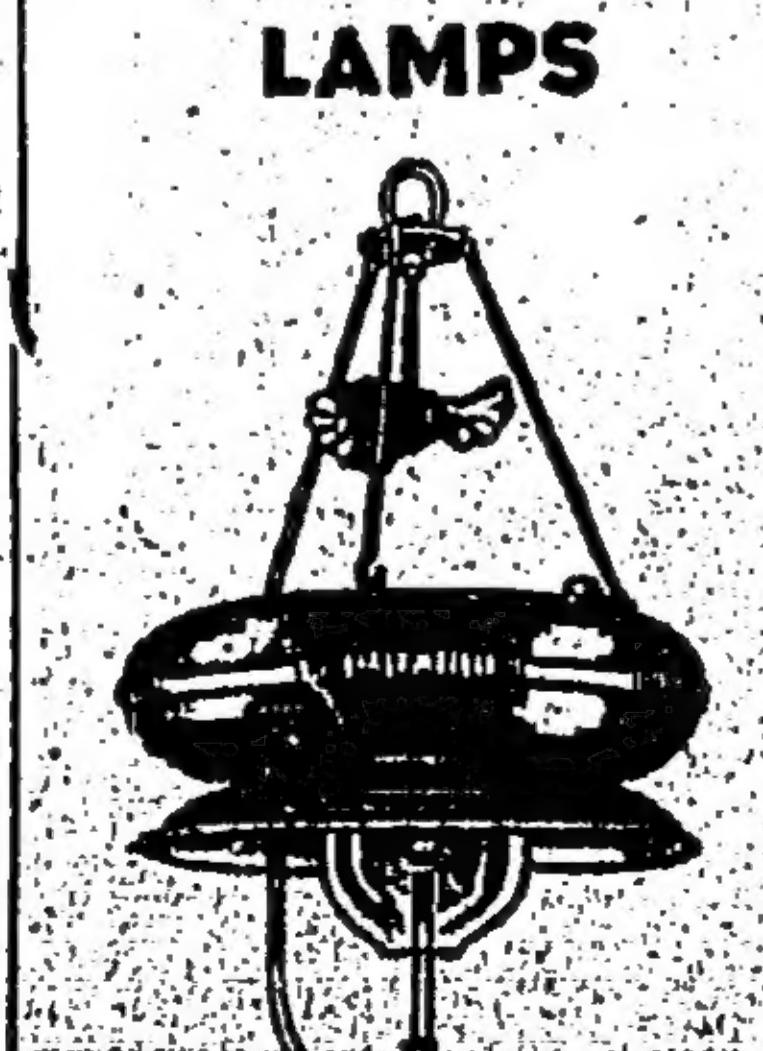
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## Additional Charges Preferred

Ball of \$200,000 was suggested by Inspector Moore in the case of an alleged swindle by two men and two women involving a sum of \$300,000, at Central yesterday.

Ten additional charges, five for larceny by means of a trick and five for conspiracy, were preferred against Shul Chu-wan, alias Miss Lee before Mr. F.X. d'Almada.

The other three defendants, Ng Yau-kiung, woman, Tang Pak-ho and Young Siu, were additionally charged with two counts each of larceny by means of a trick and conspiracy.

Miss Lee will be defended by Mr. C. S. Itius, Young Siu by Mr. M. A. da Silva and the other defendants by Mr. A. S. C. Comber.

When the question of ball was raised by Mr. Silva and Inspector Moore suggested \$200,000, Mr. Silva said that the ball was too high and quoted the "Execution case."

Inspector Moore asked for a week's remand, but Mr. Silva suggested three days, which was granted by the magistrate.

## Lecture At Lusitano

The second in a series of weekly lectures on British Constitutional History was delivered by Mr. Brook Bernacchi yesterday at the Club Lusitano.

The series is arranged by the British Council. The auditorium was filled to capacity, mostly by students and University undergraduates.

Speaking on the growth of the British Parliament, Mr. Bernacchi traced the events from the days of the Tudors to the present time.

His audience was informed of the many changes in the British system brought about by the various economic and political reforms.

The lecture was accompanied by lantern slides depicting important events of the old days and cartoons of the time.

The next in the series which will be on the present method of the British Government, will be given by Mr. Bernacchi on Tuesday.

Mr. Watson told Britton that his radio was not in working order. Britton took the radio to the barracks and had it fixed. The next morning he sold the radio for \$60. The radio was valued at \$300.

A raincoat, the property of Mr. Turner was handed over to the boy at the Lido Dance Hall for the sum of six dollars. Britton said that he would give back the next day for it.

Britton was charged before Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday with larceny by means of a trick and the sum of \$90 and clothing the property of Mr. J. T. Turner at the Repulse Bay Hotel; obtaining \$105.05 credit by fraud from the manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel, giving false information by signing his name as C.P. Larson at the Repulse Bay Hotel Register and with larceny by bailee of a radio set the property of Mr. John H. Watson.

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An officer of Britton's regiment told the court that defendant had been with the regiment for three months and with the exception of being absent without permission, Britton had behaved well.

Britton said that he was sorry for what he had done and that if he could repay the people he would like to do so.

Inspector Cochrane prosecuted and said that the property had been recovered.

Britton was sentenced to three months.

A remand of three days was granted on the application of Inspector Lowe by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Janp Herman Van Gelderen, aged 21, was charged under the common law of attempted suicide by taking poison on February 20.

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## Textile Survey Mission To Japan

New York, February 22.  
A proposal to send a joint Anglo-American textile survey mission to Japan has been approved by three U.S. cotton industry associations.

William C. Phanz, chairman of the Textile Industry Committee on Foreign Trade, said yesterday two returning committee members would soon present the proposal to their respective Boards of Directors. The Committee, formed several weeks ago, consists of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, Cotton Textile Institute Incorporated, Association of Cotton Merchants of New York, the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the Textile Import Association of the United States.

Mr. Phanz said that the new policy, never announced publicly, was put into effect suddenly about two weeks ago without notice to exporters, no licenses have been formally approved since then, he said. Associated Press.

The industrial section patchy with small lines in fisheries, colliery miners and electrical equipments, but tobacco, iron and steel were firm. Whaling shares were dull in anticipation of a further fall in the price of whale oil.

Changes in oils were few and the section was thus without a definite trend.

Slight dullness was seen in foreign utilities, with Anglo-American railway issues suffered.

South African gold shares were quietly irregular. Small support developed for 12 dividend payers but Free State issues were slightly lower. Reuter.

US dollars opened at HK\$5.10 and closed at \$5.12.

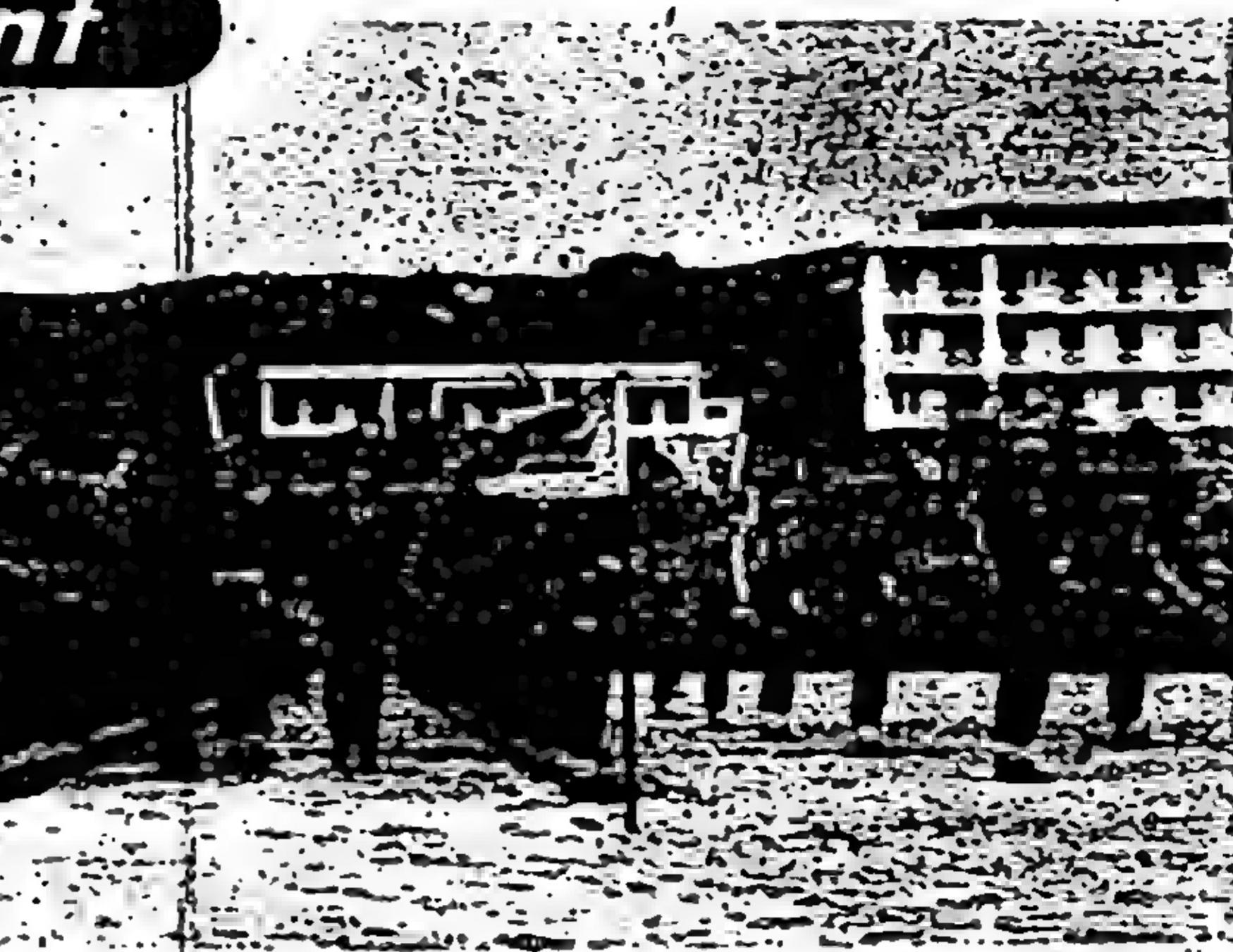
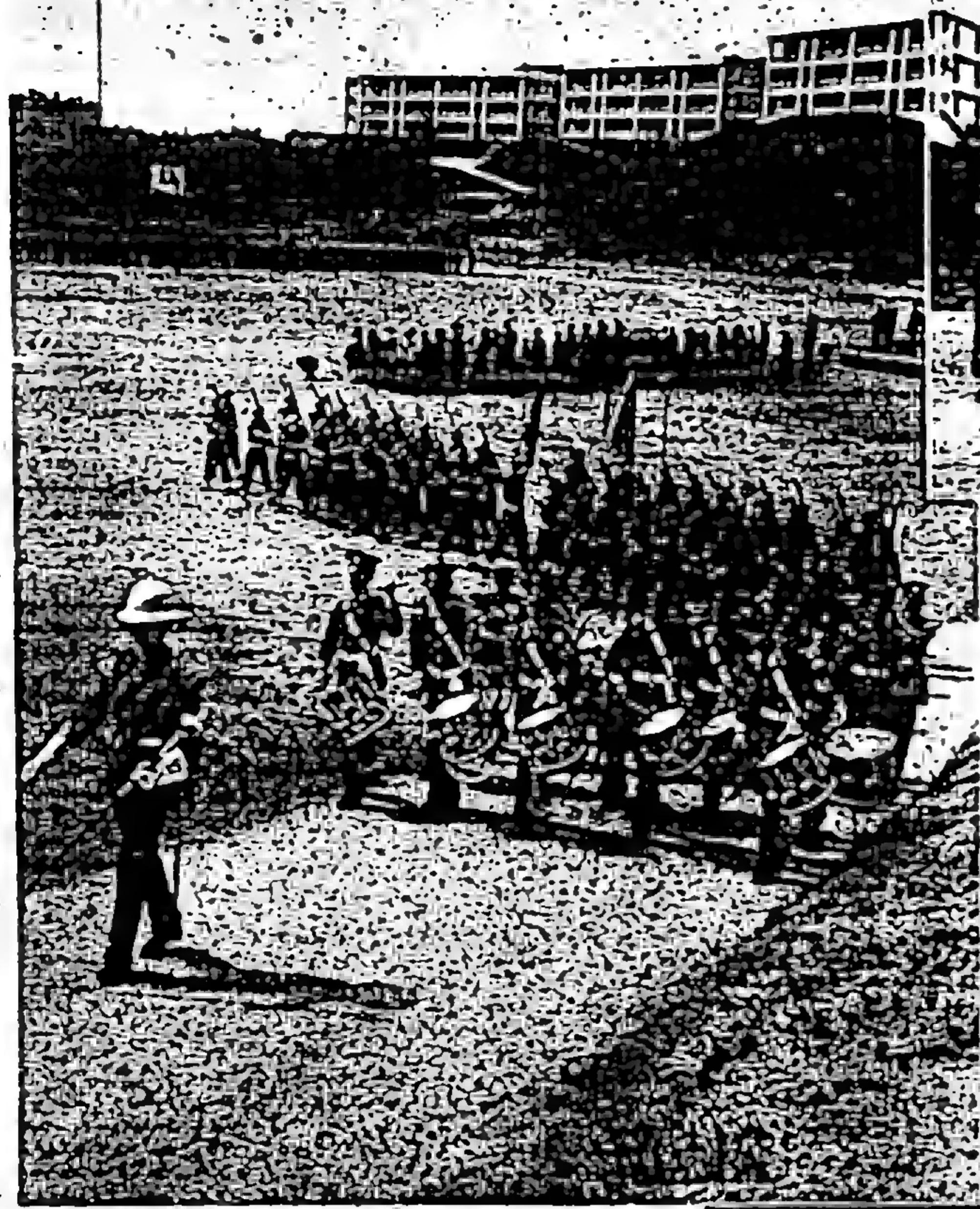
Gold Yuan rates were maintained. It was quoted at 285 and 275 of a cent for Hong Kong delivery at 2475 and 245 of a cent for Canton remittances; and at 24 of a cent for Shanghai remittances.

Plasters, continuing on the ascent, rose to HK\$9.15 a 100 after opening at \$9.07½, closing slightly weaker at \$9.10.

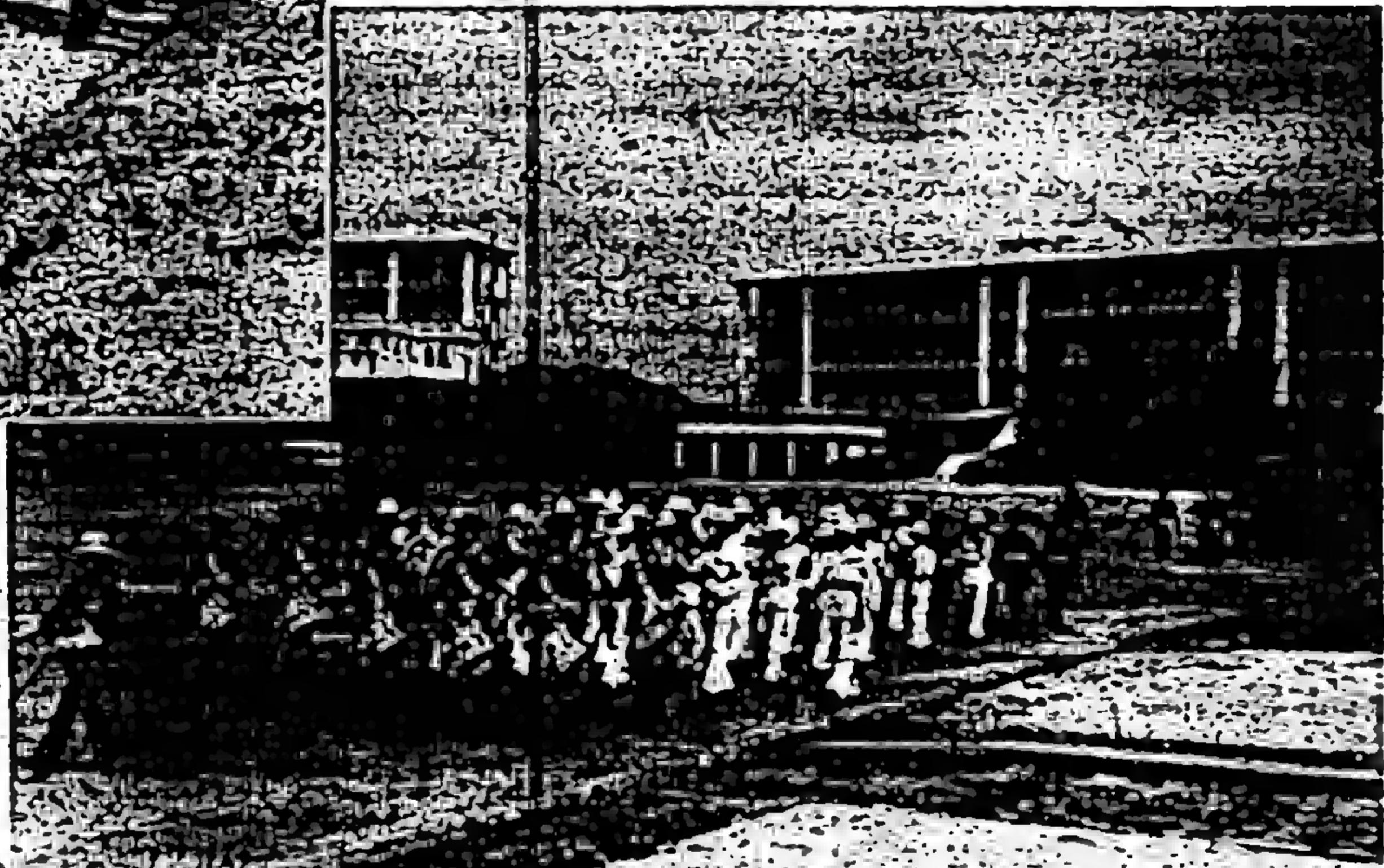
Tickets were unchanged at HK\$24.60 a 100.

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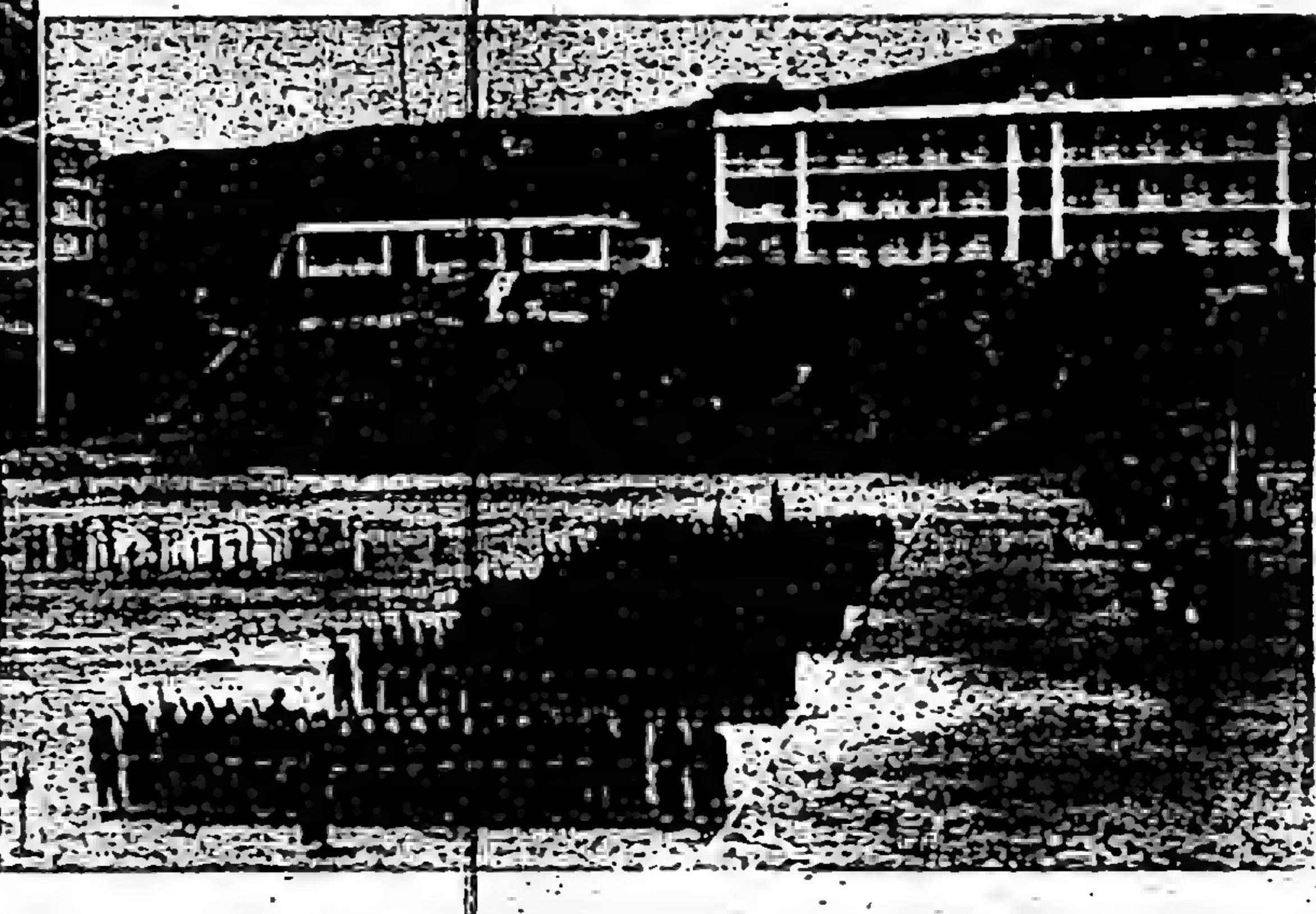
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The General Officer Commanding, Major General Matthews, inspecting the 1st Battalion of the Buffs at Stanley Fort. ("China Mail" photo)



The band of The Buffs lead five columns of the Regiment's soldiers at the Trooping of the Colours at Stanley Fort. ("China Mail" photo)



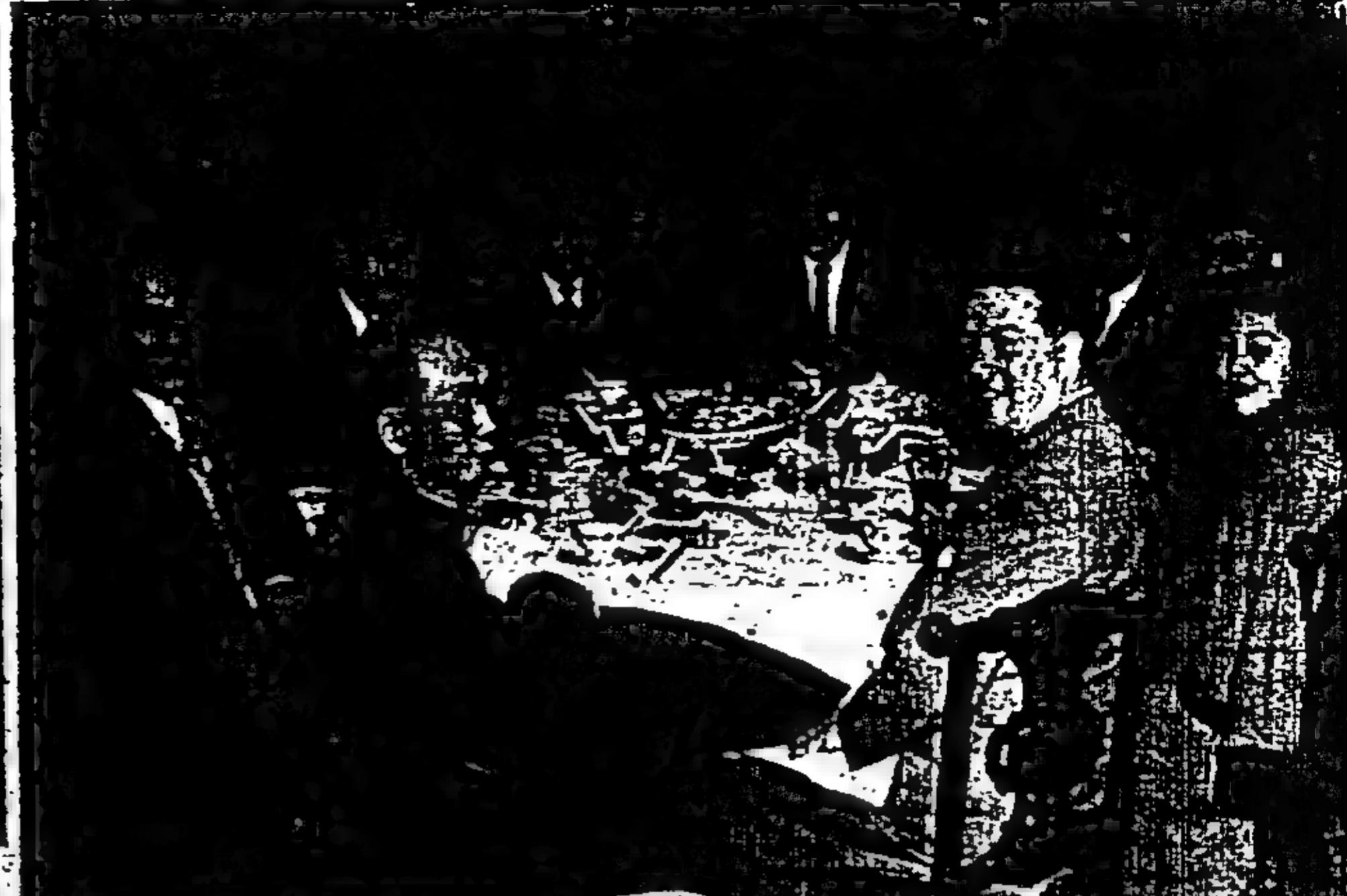
Major General Matthews, GOC, is shown on the saluting base at Stanley Fort, at the Trooping of the Colours of The Buffs. ("China Mail" photo)

Troops of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, are shown about to pass the saluting post at Stanley Fort last week. Major General Matthews, GOC took the salute. ("China Mail" photo)

DAY SUPPLEMENT



Pupils of St. Mary School smile after winning the Convent Invitation Relay at the St. Joseph's Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill last week. ("China Mail" photo)



A party at the Yick Yuen Shipping Company dinner, held at the Kam Ling Restaurant. Attending the dinner were the Consul-Generals of Panama and Brazil. ("China Mail" photo)



The Wah Yan College Old Boys at their Luncheon at the Catholic Centre. ("China Mail" photo)

The Gunners "A" soccer team, winners of their game with RASC "B". The gunners are now leading the Army Football League by nine points. ("China Mail" photo).



The victorious rugger XV, which defeated England by 12 points in the final game of the International Series at Sookumpo. ("China Mail" photo)



The rugger team, which went down to a heavy defeat at the hands of Scotland in the final game of the International Series played at Sookumpo. ("China Mail" photo)





Applicants for the Hong Kong Defence Force are shown lining up for registration forms at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The response to the appeal for applicants exceeded all expectations on the first day. ("China Mail" photo)

At the HKDF Headquarters, applicants for the HKDF are seen filling out registration forms. ("China Mail" photo)

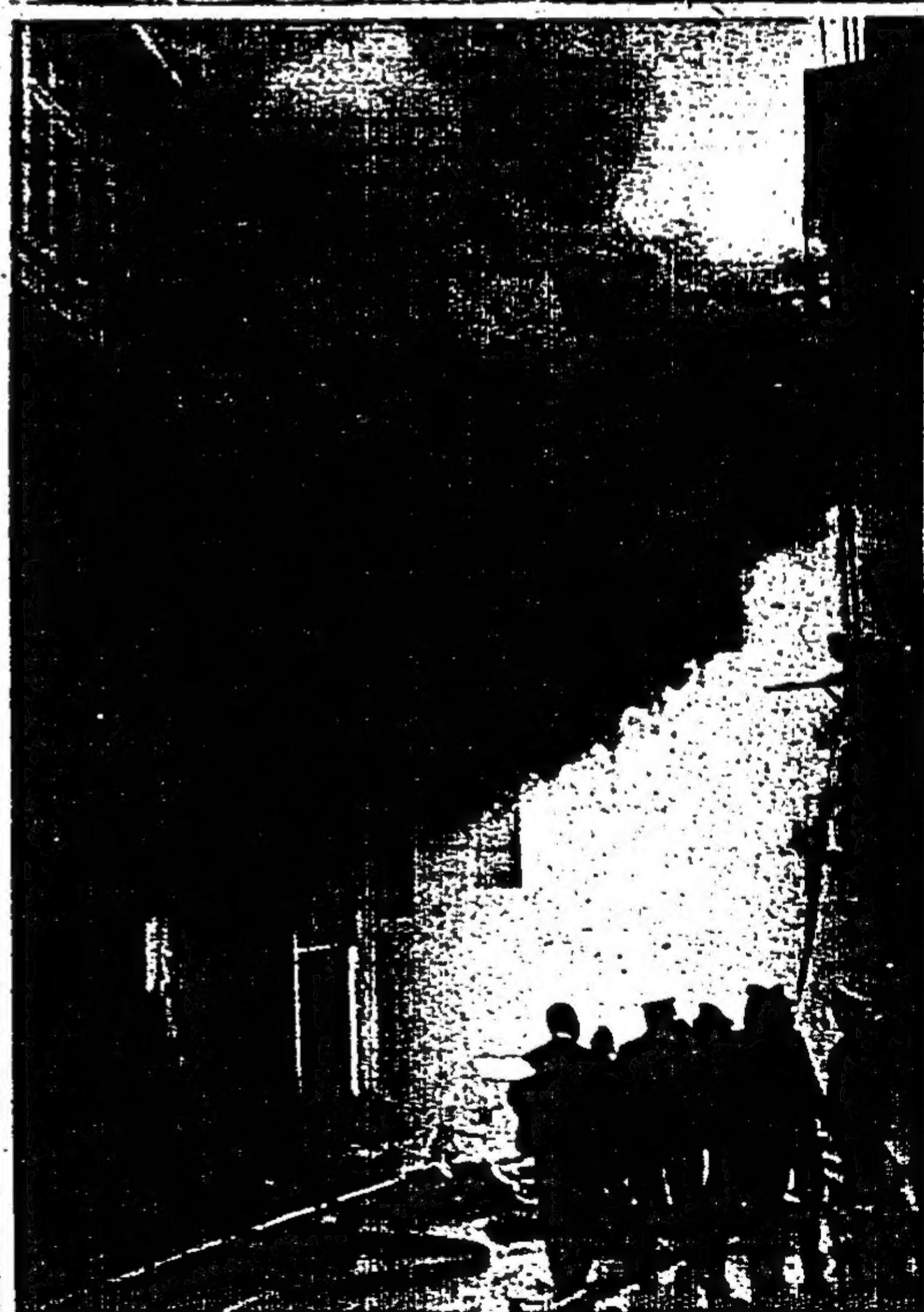
Prospective members of the Force file past recruiting officers to obtain their registration forms. ("China Mail" photo)



The Reverend B. C. John, Headmaster of St. Joseph's College, dresses pupils before prize distribution at Caroline Hill last week. ("China Mail" photo)

A happy four-some are these lads, members of Class Four A, who the Junior Medley at the St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill. ("China Mail" photo)

They're off! Contestants in the Senior 100-metre Bicycle Race at the St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill are at the starting line. ("China Mail" photo)



Billows of smoke rise from a fire-cracker shop in Staunton Street. Fire fighters put out the flames after half an hour. ("China Mail" photo)

A shop full of fire-crackers, joss sticks and joss paper burst into flames in Staunton Street last week. Picture shows firemen desperately trying to put out the flames. ("China Mail" photo)



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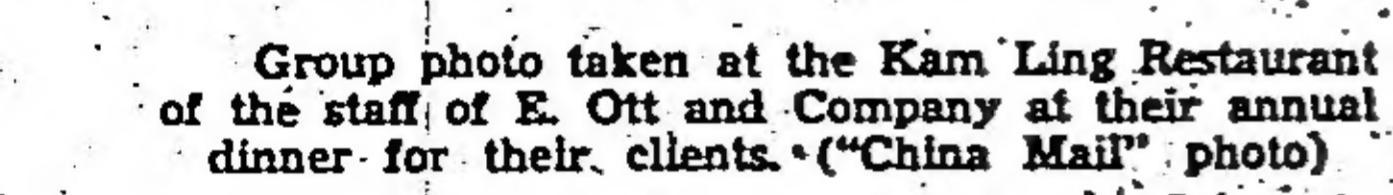
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Members and friends at the Elliot Hall (Hong Kong University) dance party, pose for a group picture. The dance was held at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium on February 12. ("China Mail" photo)



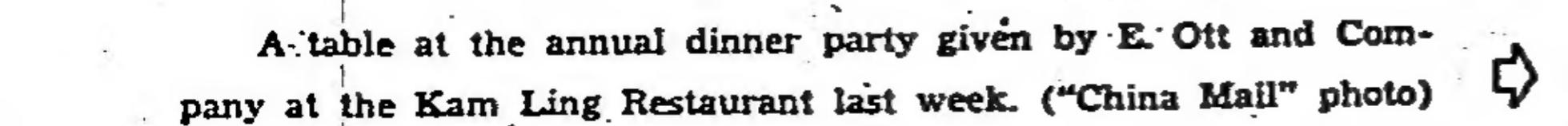
A welcome party was given by the staff of the Commercial Press, Ltd., last week. Picture shows the Shanghai directors of the company. ("Sun Ying Ming" Studio)



Group photo taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant of the staff of E. Ott and Company at their annual dinner for their clients. ("China Mail" photo)



More than 500 persons attended the annual dinner party given by E. Ott and Company last week. The party was held for clients of the company. ("China Mail" photo)



A table at the annual dinner party given by E. Ott and Company at the Kam Ling Restaurant last week. ("China Mail" photo)



Young John Woodward is shown cutting his birthday cake in his home, while his many friends who came to wish him a happy birthday are divided between the cake and the camera. (Mr. Cheung photo)





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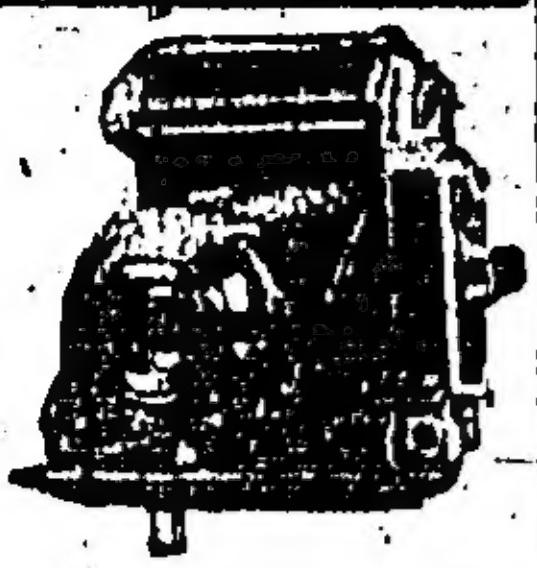
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## MALAYA LEADS U.S. IN BADMINTON CONTEST

### RM Bands To Beat Retreat

The Royal Marine Bands of the Far East Fleet, including that of the Commander-in-Chief, will beat The Retreat at the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 5.45 p.m. tomorrow.

A guard of Royal Marines from the Fleet will be on parade. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Mr. A.E.J. Stagg, Royal Marines.

The Guard and Bands will march in to the tune of "H.M. Jollies" and carry out the troupe "By Land and Sea" followed in quick time by "Old Panama".

The drummers will beat the retreat, a survival of an old army custom whereby men were recalled to barracks at sunset by the drum. The band will then advance to the march "The Thin Red Line", and the guard will form up in quick time facing the White Ensign to "The Army of the Nile".

The evening hymn "The Day Thou Gavest" will precede the actual sunset ceremony. On the call "Alert" the guard will present arms and the colours will be hauled down while the band plays the harmonised version of the well known sunset call. This will be followed by the National Anthem. The Guard and Band will march off to the Regimental March "A Life on the Ocean Wave" at the ceremony ends.

Police Ticket holders must enter the ground by the main entrance to Hong Kong Cricket Club. Car park in Jackson Road. Buff Ticket holders are to enter by the gate in Jackson Road at side of Club House. White Ticket holders by the gate in Chater Road at side of Club House and Officers and Families, Ratings and Other Ranks and Families by the Jackson Road gate (members of the Forces using these enclosures should wear uniform).

The public must use the Queen's Road gate.

All spectators should be in their seats in good time, in view of the importance of synchronising the programme with the actual time-of-sunset.

London, February 21. Results of Rugby Union games played today were Roslyn Park 3 Beaufort Rangers 6.—Reuter.

After one of the most thrilling badminton contests of all time Malaya was leading the United States by three-matches to one at the end of the first day's play in the inter-zone final of the Thomas Cup.

Every point was bitterly fought for and the 3,000 badminton fans present had never seen anything equal to the play displayed by these shuttle experts tonight.

The highlight of the evening's play was the singles contest between Dr. Dave Freeman, of California, the United States champion, undefeated in 10 years, and Ooi Teik Hock, the dark-haired Penang player, champion of Malaya.

The American won by 15-10, 10-15, 16-4 after a terrific duel. Freeman owed his success to his tremendously powerful smashes, which completely non-plussed the little Malayan at critical periods.

Ooi had, however, the distinction of becoming only the second player ever in 10 years to take a game of the American championship.

Freemen of Scottish ancestry, proved to be the superb artist which Americans had always clutched him to be.

Another Californian, dark-haired Marten Mendez, very nearly brought off a surprise and was only beaten by the Singapore player Wong Peng Bock by 15-11, 11-15, 18-10. It was only an amazing recovery by the Malayan, who was 5-0 down in the final set, that decided the issue.

As generally anticipated, the Malayan doubles pairs proved too good for the Americans, due to their superior team work, although a brilliant spell by the Americans, Freeman and Rogers gave a game to the Americans in the doubles contest of the evening.—Reuter.

### HKFA MEETING ON FRIDAY

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office on Friday, February 25, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of enquiring into the conduct of the following players:

1. Yan Tui-chung v. Kit Chee, who was sent off the field of play.
2. Kwok Ying-wai and Cheung Chi Ping v. Kit Chee, who were cautioned.
3. Lau Sheung of Tramways, who was sent off the field of play.

In a Junior Men's Doubles Division League game at Kowloon Tong last Monday, Kowloon Tong "A" created a mild surprise when they beat Hong Kong University by six games to three.

They thus fully avenged their defeat by a similar score at the hands of the undergraduates in their first encounter.

Score of games played during the week are:

Senior Men's Doubles Division Chinese YMCA beat Recreio, 7-2, University beat KCC, 8-1.

Junior Men's Doubles Division Kowloon Tong "A" beat Hong Kong University, 8-3.

M. C. Hung and C. H. Ngan beat Chew Kim-jeng and Ow Kheng-hock, 21-13, beat M. T. Yeo and T. H. Choo, 21-10, beat N. K. Chin and C. S. Loo, 21-17.

Loo Po and S. H. Leung lost to Chew and Ow, 13-21, lost to Yeo and Choo, 8-21, beat Chin and Loo, 21-16.

P. Wong and S. C. Chan beat Chew and Ow, 21-14, lost to Yeo and Choo, 19-21, beat Chin and Loo, 21-15.

Chung Wah beat Kowloon Tong "B", 7-2.

C. F. Chiu and K. Y. Tse beat K. L. Au and K. T. Lui, 21-10, beat K. C. Wu and L. C. Tam, 21-17, beat T. Y. Tsui and S. F. Tao, 21-10.

K. F. Chiu and A. Ho beat Au and Lui, 21-18, beat Wu and Tam, 21-11, lost to Tsui and Tao, 12-21.

Lei Leong and K. C. Wong beat Au and Lui, 24-22, beat Wu and Tam, 21-6, lost to Tsui and Tao, 14-21.

RAT beat St. John's "B", 7-2.

**Today's Games**

St. John's "A" vs. Kowloon Tong "A".

St. Teresa's "A" vs. Kowloon Tong "B".

VRC "A" vs. KCC.

Kowloon Tong "B" vs. VRC "B".

Recreio vs. St. John's "B".

Chinese YMCA vs. RAF.

**RUGBY DRAW**

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## Natal Gain Lead Of 12 Runs Vs. MCC

Maritzburg, February 21. The Natal XI gained a lead of 12 runs on the first innings against the MCC here today, getting rid of the touring side for 276.

One over in the morning was sufficient to finish off the Natal innings for 288, an addition of four runs to the closing score of Saturday, and then despite a century (105) from Maurice Tremlett, his first in a firstclass match of the tour, the MCC failed to over-take the opposition.

This was mainly due to some fine bowling by Dinklemann, a left arm slow bowler, who took five wickets in succession mid-way through the afternoon.

Before dark light stopped play. The Natal team had scored 14 without loss in their second innings.

**Lucky Innings**

Tremlett's was a lucky innings at the start for, in his first 10 runs, scored in 48 minutes, he was dropped twice from hitting drives close to fielders on the boundary. Up to that time Tremlett's score included two sixes and five fours, and he hit 11 fours in his stay of two hours four minutes.

The close of scoreboard reads:

NATAL XI Innings..... 288

and innings..... 286

D. Bell, not out..... 6

D. Turner, not out..... 2

**Extras**..... 4

(for no wicket)..... 14

M.C.C. 1st Innings..... 280

C. H. Palmer, b Dinklemann..... 80

Compton, b Taylor..... 15

Crepp, bw, b Dinklemann..... 14

Watkins, c Nourse, b Dinklemann..... 2

Tremlett, c Watkins, b Taylor..... 105

Evans, c Geraint, b Dinklemann..... 0

Griffith, c Nourse, b Dinklemann..... 0

J. man..... 0

Fendt, c Taylor..... 2

Boden, run out..... 0

Wright, not out..... 0

**Total**..... 376

**Referee**.....

## Marathon In HK Tennis Turney

Five more games of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship were decided yesterday.

The match between J. S. Belgrave and J. A. C. Hurlbatt turned out to be the marathon of the evening, ending with a set to each. Although the play never reached a very high level, it was enjoyable while it lasted. Gameness on both sides produced some long rallies and fine retrieving. This game will be continued.

Roch Leung, the Kowloon Tong Club Champion, and the only seeded player in action, yesterday had an easy evening, eliminating A. Furrer by 6-0 and 6-1.

So did Molan Chan and Choy Tin Wah, who won their games comfortably by 6-0, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-2 respectively.

Frank Kwok, handicapped by his age, found his opponent a little too fleet for him and his weakness on the backhand caused his undoing.

In the only game that went to three complete sets Peter M.F. U. after winning the first set handily, by 6-2, found that D. Nolan was not in the least worried at this reverse. He kept on returning every possible shot in the second set, and kept U so much on the run that he was completely spent by the time the final set was reached.

**Full Scores.**

J.S. Belgrave v. N.Y.C. 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 (unfinished).

J.B. Haworth beat F.H. Kwock, 6-4, 6-2.

Roch Leung beat A. Furrer, 6-0, 6-1.

Molan Chan beat P.V. Shawe, 6-0, 6-1.

D. Nolan beat Peter M.F. U, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Choy Tin Wah beat J.S. Lee, 6-1, 6-2.

Court 1: E.M. Hayburst v. T.E. Baker.

Court 2: Wong Siu-ki v. H.K. Hamilton.

Court 3: Au Kam-moon v. R. Segalen.

Court 4: G.A. Lemay v. P. Poon.

Court 5: Norman Lo v. K.H. Ip.

Court 6: Lee Yue-wing v. G.H. Wiggleworth.

## Hockey Fixtures

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Club de Recreio v. Navy, King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: P.F. Xavier and J.S. Grewal.

RAF v. Khalsa, Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: C.J. Merritt and S.B.C.L. Shaw.

Table & Wireless v. Army (match postponed).

HK Police v. University; Boundary Street (Kowloon); 10 a.m.; Umpires: S.B.P.O. Yeomans and J.H. Blinco.

Civil Service v. Dockyard RC; King's Park (RNRC 2), 10 a.m.; Umpires: Makhan Singh and E.R.A. Miller.

Dutch HC v. YMCA; Soo-kun-poo, 10 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. Chin and G.T. Palmer.

Army v. Macao (at Macao).

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3031 Ex. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday.

Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams.

A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed.

Will umpires please notify results as soon as possible after the match.

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Navy ..... 14

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